Women to get retirement age equality

to continue working until the EEC's equal treatment that the new statutory protec same age as men under Government plans for equality of retirement age announced yes terday by the Department of a dietician who worked for the

The Sex Discrimination Bill is to be amended, following a recent European Court of Justice ruling, to outlaw the compulsory retirement of women at 60.

It will be made unlawful for a woman to be dismissed on the grounds of age when a man of the same age and comparable circumstances would not.

As a result, employers

would have to change policies under which women have to retire at an earlier age than

A spokeswoman for the Equal Opportunities Commis-sion said: "While we welcome it as far as it goes, it does not go far enough, because under these proposals employers are still free to retain policies under which men and women qualify for pensions at differ-ent ages and that is not equal retirement for men and

"They talk about a degree of choice but we would like to see

full equality of choice." tlined in a consultative document entitled Sex Discrimination and Retirement, would give women working in the private sector the right won by female public employees to the same retirement age. men at the European court

The ruling, that where men so on the same terms as men,

Tomorrow

How Norman Foster

built the world's

most expensive

skyscraper in

Power of

fundamentalist

Robert Fisk on the

upheaval in Beirut

petition because there was no

winner yesterday. Portfolio list page 20; how to play, information service, page 16.

Moscow still

wants summit

The Soviet Union wants a full

summit with President Reagan this year as well as the

emergency meeting on nuclear test bans which the White

House has rejected Page 5

The National Association of

Schoolmasters/Union of

Women Teachers voted at its

annual conference in Scarbor-

ough yesterday to boycott training courses for the planned General Certificate of

Secondary Education.

French quit

Boycott vote

Hong Kong

islam

Reach for

the sky

Women will have the right retire at 65 it is a breach of the and the Government believes Southampton and South West Hampshire Health Authority, who was forced to retire at 62.

The verdict does not affect the payment of state retirement pensions at different ages for men and women, which is allowed by Enropean law, and the proposed changes announced do not require employers to provide access to occapational pensions, at the

Nor would it oblige them to change policies under which women could volunteer to retire and take a pension at an earlier age than men.

However, compulsory retirement ages would have to be equal and women would be able to claim unfair dismissal up to the same age as men, a right some women now lose at

Commenting on the change, Mr Ian Lang, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment, who has special responsibility for equal oppor-tunities, said: "This is a step towards the concept of a decade of retirement with greater individual choice which has long been the Government policy."

"It is right that women who wish to go on exercising their skills and contributing to the economy should be able to do of equal opportunity."

The Government plans to make the amendments when the Sex Discrimination Bill, now in the House of Lords, enters the Commons, which could be as early as May, which means it could become law within 18 months.

While the Government recognizes that employers will need time to adjust to the new requirements, until the amendments come into force the possibility remains of the Government being in breach of its European Community obligations, and employees of state authorities will continue to enjoy greater protection by virtue of the judgement than their colleagues in the private

It therefore plans to "strike a balance" and bring the changes into effect within 12 months of the Bill receiving Royal Assent.

A spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry welcomed the decision saying. This is consistent with equal-ity of opportunity and with the CBI's aim of encouraging flexible retirement.".

And spokesman for the Royal College of Nursing welcomed the announcement because many female nurses would want to stay on until they were 65, or perhaps for just a few months over the age of 60 to maximize their pen-

News that the Unionist

leadership had turned down

Mrs Thatcher's offer of talks

came as Mr Tom King urged

Unionists to resume talks

without precondition in the

wake of loyalist rioting in Portadown, which he de-scribed as "ludicrous mindless

Mr King warned the Union-ist leadership that unless talk-

ing began it would leave the field open to skinheads, hooli-

gans and subversive elements

aiming at causing maximum

mayhem and damage their cause on the mainland.

The danger is that with little

occurring on the political front, hardliners will plot vio-

lence and trouble during the

summer's marching season

which began ominously at the

Last night, the RUC issued figures showing the scale of attempts by loyalists to intimi-

date the police. There were 32

attacks on members of the

began it would leave the

thuggery."

Unionists reject Thatcher talks

Unionist leaders have re-volved government for the jected the Prime Minister's province would be discussed. offer of further talks on the Anglo-Irish agreement, bringing the prospect of escalating street disorder and loyalist protests in Northern Ireland. The leaders of the two Unionist parties have replied to a letter from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, saying that it does not provide the basis for a further fruitful meeting.

However, although the let-ter, expected to be sent to Downing Street at the end of the week, offers no immediate prospect of early talks between the Government and Unionists, it does not shut the door

on future communication.

Mrs Thatcher wrote to Unionists last month robustly defending the agreement, and while refusing to suspend its operations as a precondition for talks to begin, offered to approach the working of it in a

begin at which efforts to reach

Heathrow

opens new

sensitive way".
The stalemate between the Unionists and Government hinges on their demand that she suspend the agreement for round table conference to agreement on a form of de-

RUC outside the main area of Continued on page 2, col 8 Canadian Club goes

British

Allied-Lyons, the Tetley tea to Double Diamond food and

drinks group, is buying the Canadian company, Hiram

Walker Spirits, one of the world's biggest distillers, for

C\$2.6 billion (£1.27 billion).

Hiram Walker has more

than 100 famous brand names, including Canadian Club whisky, Ballantine's Scotch, Courvoisier cognac

and Kahlua and Tia Maria

liqueurs. It also has a 25 per

cent stake in Drambuie.

terminal By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Heathrow's massive new Terminal 4 was officially opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday before starting passenger business on April 12. The £200 million terminal

has taken four years to build and will raise capacity at Heathrow, already the world's leading international airport, from 30 million to 38 million passengers a year.

Because of Prince Charles

injured finger, the Princess had to hold the ribbon while he cut it with scissors held in his uninjured right hand. France's decision to withdraw The new terminal will house

its military observers from all British Airways' inter-Beirut marks a shift away continental flights including from its support for President those to Paris and Amsterdam. plus European services of KLM, NLM and Air Malta. While the huge 650-metre long terminal will set new On This Day On April 2, 1924, Adolf Hitler standards of spaciousness and was convicted of attempting be easier to reach by both road to lead a Nationalist revolt and Underground than the from a Munich beer hall, but airport's older terminals, it served only one year of a fivewill also have traffic prob-lems. BA's Interline passen-Page 13 gers will have to shuttle across Home News 2-4 | Law Report 22 |
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Appres 14 | Letters 13 |
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Rislaces 17-22 | Science 14 |
Court 14 | Spart 29-32 |
Crosswords 19.76 | TV & Radio 31 |
Diary 12 | Weather 16 from Terminal I by bus or car, and air traffic controllers will have to contend for the first time at Heathrow with aircraft taxi-ing across a runway in use

for take-off or landing. Royal opening, page 3



New Delhi Search for £80m Sikh deal 'spent' by GLC before abolition ruled out

hurried search began

yesterday to round up between

£80 million and £100 million

of Greater London Council

money, after a photocopy of

two cheques for £33 million

and £45 million was found in

an office vacated by a commit-

to Salman Developments, a

company set up by the council

help of the Saturn Manage-

ment group. Mr John Crockford, who was comptrol-

ler of finance with the GLC

until the moment of abolition,

Sir Godfrey Taylor, chair-

man of the London Residuary

Body, said before his first official meeting in County Hall yesterday that he would

want to know on what legal

grounds the money had been

was signed away last Wednes-

day and Thursday morning,"

he said. "If there is any doubt

about that we will claw it

The fate of the GLC's final

cash boldings will take much

unravelling because it is en-

tangled in complex legal argu-

ments. The council was

embroiled to its last hours in a

complicated court case

brought by Conservative-led borough councils, which com-

plained that the GLC should

not be allowed to allocate

money for spending after its

The new residuary body is

supposed to take charge of any GLC money left after abolition. Sir Godfrey said that if £100 million was shared among the 32 London bor-

oughs, it would trigger off payment to them of a further £82 million in block grant

back."

is a director of Satman.

in its final two years with the

The cheques were made out

tee chairman.

By Hagh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

exists.

Photographs

in the regions

after abolition.

The court case has not

reached a final judgement in the House of Lords, even though the GLC no longer

The money undoubtedly

exists in a variety of compli-

cated forms, which the expir-ing GLC did its best to protect against legal challenge. Much

of the money has been frozen

by a Court of Appeal judge-

ment reversing a High Court

decision that it could be spent

Much of the money paid to

Satman for housing renova-

tions in some London bor-

oughs, is being held for 28

days before being released for spending. "One should be careful before signing any sum

of money away while that

ruling is being discussed in the House of Lords," Sir Godfrey

There is no question of

money being misappropri-ated, but Sir Godfrey agreed

that the GLC might have tried

to clear out its coffers before

his organization could reach

One project for which GLC

money has been earmarked was vetoed just before aboli-

tinn, the Department of the

Environment disclosed yester-

day. That was the conversion

of the Round House into a

centre for hlack culture at a

London should have its

own directly-elected regional

authority with more power

and responsibility than the GLC, according to a proposal

yesterday hy the joint Liberal-

SDP Alliance Commission on

cost of almost £7 million.

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, last night virtually ruled out the possibility of negotiating a new extra-dition treaty with India to deal with the problem of Sikh extremist separatists operating in Britain. He also declined to consider

the possibility of proscribing the Sich terrorist organiza-tions, saying "it base" been found to be a meeted meeted." of dealing with Irish terrorism. Sir Geoffrey told a bress conference at the end of his two-day visit to the Indian capital that to negotiate a new treaty would he time-

onsuming. In addition, while he had "no doctrinal or ideological" objection to a new treaty he saw no point in providing the "belt" of a new treaty when they already had the "braces" of the Fugitive Offenders Act, which governs extradition be-tween Britain and members of

paid out. "We understand that approximately £100 million "I am prepared to strengthen the braces," Sir Geoffrey said, "to refurbish them, to add extra buttons. But I cannot see the necessity for an extradition treaty."

He announced the appoint ment of a special representa-tive to provide a link with Delhi on the Sikh issue, He nominated Mr Timothy Ren-ton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, to fulfil this task, and invited the Indians to nominate their own special representative to liaise with

Sir Geoffrey made the point a number of times that Britain was "rigorously devoted to stamping out terrorism".

He spent 35 minutes yesterday with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, and said their talks were "extremely friendly and quite useful". Tourist trail, page 9

Tin crisis stops Cornish mining

One of the Cornish tin producers struggling to survive in the wake of the tin crisis announced yesterday that mining would be suspended from Monday and that most of its 358 employees would be laid off in the next two weeks Geevor Tin Mines, based at

Pendeen, near Land's End,

ment in the area would rise to more than 50 per cent if the mine closed.

And the deputy chairman, Mr Kenneth Gilbert, said the mine would be forced to close unless the Government provided a £15 million assistance package to finance further investment.

The Government was acclaims that male unemploy- cused last week by an all-party since October

competence in failing to help to prevent the tin crisis. It appealed for government financial aid for the Cornish tin industry and added: "If it waits for the tin price to settle before taking action there will be no nin industry left in

North Sea oil under \$10 for first time

first time ever yesterday. Dealers expect a further drop in the price, to a level which could threaten the viability of some of Britain's offshore

The renewed weakness of oil prices provides an early threat to the Chancellor's tax projections. If prices remain at present levels, oil revenues will be £2 hillion short of planned levels in 1986-87.

Yesterday, cargoes of Brent crude oil for immediate delivery were traded at just above \$10 a barrel. Contracts for delivery in 15 days changed hands at \$9.70 a barrel, while oil for delivery in the summer was offered at just over \$9 a

Dealers said that there was evidence of some Japanese buying of Brent crude, for delivery next month, at \$9.76 barrel. But most huyers were olding off in the expectation of a further slide in prices.

The weakness of oil prices, reflecting a huild-up of pressures over the Easter weekend, when most European markets were closed, caused problems esterday. Trading on the International Petroleum Ex-change in London was sus-pended for 30 minutes as prices tumbled.

The latest fall should mean that the Budget rise in petrol prices will be quickly reversed. Prices rose by 7.5p a gallon as a result of the Chancellor's increase in excise duties on petrol: the fall in refiners' costs resulting from the latest dip in prices should allow the oil companies to put down prices again quickly.

The drop is the result of a combination of warmer weather and disarray within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Yesterday, Dr Mana Said al Otaiba, the oil minister of the United Arah Emirates, gave a warning that prices could drop to \$5 a

The price of North Sea oil barrel unless there is agreefell below \$10 a barrel for the first time ever yesterday.

The price of North Sea oil barrel unless there is agreement to limit production.

The next Opec ministerial meeting, in Geneva on April 15, is not expected to come up with new initiatives to put pressure on non-Opec countries to cut output. Because of

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this, dealers see no early end to the slide in prices. Although the drop in prices - to the same level in real terms as before the first world welcome to the Western industrialized countries, there are fears that further weakness could trigger off severe finan-

cial problems Banks in the United States, in particular, who are heavily exposed both to the domestic energy sector and to loans to oil producing countries, are

The pound improved from early lows yesterday and the dollar slipped in very quiet trading. The pound also closed above

the worst level against the mark. Sterling managed to remain relatively steady despite oil fears as it is still underpinned by the level of British interest rates. considered highly vulnerable in present circumstances. For

this reason, the foreign exchange markets have been concerned about the effects on the dollar of the latest collapse in prices. As a result the pound held

up much better than might have been expected. It lost only 1.38 cents to \$1.4685 against the dollar, and two pfennigs to DM3.4312 against the West German mark. The sterling index fell 0.5 to 75.8. Share prices were strong

gain, shrugging off any fears about lower oil prices and focusing on improved pros-pects for the non-oil part of the economy. The Financial Times 30-share index climbed back through the 1,400 level, Kenneth Fleet, page 17

Britons held on drugs charges in Australia

Three south Londoners Courthill Road, Lewisham, ere vesterday being held by was given bail on two sureties Customs officers in Australia after a joint inquiry by British and Australian investigators into an alleged cocaine smuggling ring stretching from South America through Britain to Sydney .

The three are reported to have been charged by the Australian authorities with smuggling 4.7 kilos of cocaine worth £2.3 million which was seized during the operation. They are said to come from the Lewisham area and to be aged between 45 and 49.

On Monday at Uxbridge nagistrates court Anthony Terroni, aged 58, a driver from

each of £20,000 charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act with assisting in smuggling 4.75 kilos of cocaine into Australia. Mr Terroni appeared with three Essex men charged under the Customs and Excise Act with smuggling 2.9 kilos of cocaine into Britain last year. All three were remanded in

They are Michael Mescal. aged 31, a trader, of Merlin Gardens, Romford; David Mescal, aged 24, his brother, of Manser Road, Rainham, a carpenter, and Alan Tomlin, aged 32, of Furness Way, Hornchurch, anemployed.



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Allied to pay £1.27bn, page 17 Hampton Court work 'to take years'

By Alan Hamilton

The full extent of the damige done by Monday's fire at Hampton Court Palace emerged yesterday as experts predicted restoration costs of many millions of pounds, and Buckingham Palace an-nounced that the fire destroved works of art valued at

£135,000. The worst damage was inflicted on the King's Andience Chamber, part of King William III's state rooms built by Sir Christopher Wren. The ther contained some of the common communes some or the finest pictures in the royal collection, including a number of Italian Renaissance works,

The sum for the art works will be reclaimed from insurance, but the building itself. like all Government property, is minsured and the cost of restoration will be borne by the taxpayer. The work is expected to take several years. Sir Oliver Miller, Surveyor

of the Queen's Pictures, paid tribute yesterday to the Palace's own 11-man volumteer salvage corps, who carried more than 250 paintings to safety as the fire raged above.

Although much damage had been done, the loss was insig-nificant compared with what could have happened, Sir Oliver said. Only one painting, a land-

scape by Dankerts valued at \$10,000, has been lost. Seven others, including one of the best known in the collection, The Emberkation of Heary VIII for the Field of the Cloth Royal homes

of Gold by an unknown sixteenth-century artist, were damaged, mainly by water. The other damaged pictures are: The Queen of Bohemia by

Hontborst; The Archduchess Isabelia by Pourbus, Crossing the Rhine by Wyck; The Madonna and Child after Parmigianio; The Battle of the Spurs and The Family of

hoped all the damaged works could be repaired, although it could take two years.

vase stands were also destroyed, and several vases,

Comwall." The tin price has halved Sir Oliver and the team of four restorers have been work-

ing since Monday morning to save the damaged pictures by emergency drying. The Em-barkation began to blister and its paint was in danger of moving, but Sir Oliver said he

The biggest individual losses were an eighteenth-century table valued at £60,000, and the andience chamber's rock crystal chandelier worth £50,000. An eighteenth-century canopy and two

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The conference of the secvoted unanimously yesterday to boycott the development of Secondary Education (GCSE) examination for pupils aged 16, unless certain conditions

Speaker after speaker at the annual conference in Scarborough of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which has a membership of 127,000, said that there would be chaos in the antumn when the examination courses are due to begin, if the Government insisted on introducing it this vear. Teachers did not yet have the new syllabuses or text

Afterwards Mr Fred Smithies, the unioo's general secre-tary, said that he believed Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, would bow to pressure and postpone introducing the

"I don't believe Sir Keith wants to be responsible for the introduction of an unsuccessful exam. I also believe there will be increasing pressure from local authorities for Sir Keith to bow to the in-

Teachers voted yesterday to seek a merger with the second

higgest teachers' union, the

National Association of

The move received over-

whelming support from dele-

gates to the largest teachers' union's annual conference in

However the move is un-

likely to come into effect.

Even the TUC has had little

success in bringing the two unions together and the NUT,

which has 216,000 members.

publicly blames the

NAS/UWT, which has 127,000, for last year's pay settlement. The NUT would

have liked to go on striking for

A move to increase the

Union of Teachers, 72 per

cent of whose membership is

female, was rejected yesterday

Mrs Barbara Lleyd, one of the nine women on the NUT's

41-member executive, de-scribed the proposal for five

new women-only seats as "to-

kenism at its worst". It would

create "second-class executive

The resolution, which also called for positive discrimina-

tion for women teachers look-

ing for promotion, was

members".

Schoolmasters/Uoioo

Women Teachers.

Blackpool.

NUT merger call

to second union

The National Union of NAS/UWT, said: "Unless ra-

'Women-only' rejected

instructed not to take part in the two-day training course at the end of the summer term. Mr Terrell said later that a tion boards, including London

A move to toughen the motion so as to boycott the introduction of the new examination in September, as well as its development stage,

The motion passed declared that before the union would participate in the new exami-nation, the ometable for its introduction would have to be ended; adequate resources would have to be supplied for training, employing extra teachers and buying books and equipment; and appropriate examination fees would have to be negotiated.

Moving the motion, Mr Graham Terrell, an executive member, said: "We should make sure that we don't just get the GCSE, but that we get it right. The real risk being taken is that it is the children who will be the guinea pigs. Their results will depend on a school's readiness for the

The GCSE, which replaces O levels and the Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE), made good educational sense and was the best educational decision for a very long time. He said that the boycott meant his members would be too fast and with no apprecia-

tionality breaks out among leaders of the NUT, there is no

combined membership of

motioo was carried on a show

Mervle Davies, from South-

wark, put ferward a resolution

that the union be committed to

a campaign against sexual harassment in schools.

She told the conference:

"Sexism is apparent in our

schools in a curriculum which

does not acknowledge even the

existence of women in history

Debate on the resolution,

which also proposed setting up homosexnal teacher confer-

ences, was adjourned without a

as scientists, mathematicians,

authors and playwrights."

Schools scheme attacked

Yorkshire, Humberside and

the East Anglian, supported a move to postpone the change.

told conference that he feared a fudged issue". He said:

clear instructions that we are to go oo strike for the two days

of training. That way we will

Mr Terrell said that the executive needed flexibility in

case the campaign against the development of the GCSE

This brought a fierce response from Mrs Susan Rogers, of Sheffield: "The association must not accept

the concept that the GCSE will

come in September", she said.

Claiming that teachers would

not receive their syllabuses until then, she added: "You

will be faced with a new class

and reading the syllabus as

• Teachers belonging to the NAS/UWT are to refuse to

teach handicapped ehildren

where resources are inade-

quate to meet the require-

ments of legislation, the conference decided.

you go along.

Mr Les Moores, of Woking,

By George Hill Conservative Party plans for Whitehall-controlled inner

point in talking about a city "Crown" schools were Supporters of a merger con-tended that a single, TUC-affiliated unioo with a criticized yesterday as a "halfbaked solution" from the past. Mr Giles Radice, Labour spokesman oo education, de-843,000 would have greater scribed the scheme as "yet another educational solutioo strength in talks. The unity from the past". Mr Michael Hancock, his SDP counterof hands after a debate in which NUT leaders did not part, called it "a half-baked take part, although the unioo's scheme designed to win shortexecutive supported the term votes by tinkering with the problem

During the teachers' strike, Mr Radice, MP for Durham North, said: "It is quite clear the two unions co-operated extensively at grassroots level, that such schools will be but their leaders became bitselective and because of that terly alieoated after theNAS/UWT general secrewill do absolutely nothing to raise standards more money.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the outvote the NUT tary, Mr Fred Smithies, joined

"Its advocates call it, Butlerism of the 1980s'. In doing so they acknowledge that this is yet another educational solution from the past" Mr Hancock, MP for Portsmouth South, said the English education system was rotten and occded not tinkering but a

complete overhaul. "It is the apathy of Sir Keith Joseph and other ministers that have got the schools into this mess, while local educational aothorities have fought gallantly against huge political odds to provide a decent service," he said.

The proposal, which could be part of the Conservative electioo manifesto, would remove schools in the inner city areas from local authority

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Supremely confident leader of RUC

It is unlikely that the long-est serving chief constable, since the troubles began would the 12,767 police officers be leads. As "loyalists" increase have remained to start his attacks on the security forces and attempt to break the predominantly Protestant seventh year in perhaps the most arduous police post in the United Kingdom unless be was convinced that in the long term Royal Ulster Constabulary, its chief constable, Sir John Hermon, remains supremely confident that the divided community of Northern Irethe agreement could bring benefits in the fight against land can rely on his officers to enforce the law.

Indeed at an RUC function shortly after the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement he sought to reassure his andience. Sir John produced his new uniform, saying it meant he was staying in his job in spite of a record number of calls for his resignation. calls for his resignation.

His uniform was tailored in traditional dark green cloth. The message was clear, the uniform and its distinctive cap badge would not change and

He knew that inevitable unionist opposition to the deal would face his men and wom-Protestants, with a big test of

The traditional marching season will test the RUC particularly if loyalists are rity forces on the streets and in more sinister ways by attempthomes in largely Protestant

trim, Sir John, who is 57, joined the RUC in 1950 after a brief period studying accountancy and quickly came face to face with terrorism. He gained his first promotion to sergeant when he replaced a man killed during the IRA's 1956-1962

His climb to the top has been assisted by good intellect and managerial skills and judicious luck. Sir John has been a key figure since the early 1970s in reshaping the RUC and security policy which led in 1976 to "Ulsterization", in which police took over more duties from the Army. Becoming chief constable in 1980, Sir John o-sectorianism and a belief in strict discipline. He also has the typically Ulster trait of stubborn and blunt to a noint which has not always

Libyan

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investigation into three Libyan

student pilots at Oxford

Police have called off their

ministers have desputed of him, but Sir John's position has been strengthened by his

er ranks and be has a deep itempt bordering on disdain for many of the province's people. In private he exades-considerable charm, has good relations with leading figures from both sides and although at times displays a self-confi-dence bordering on arrogance, tells jokes against himself. He tells jokes against himself. He and Lady Hermon, who have two grown up children, five in a flat at the fortress-like RUC headquarters, but they rainse to become prisoners, enjoying a varied social life.

Unionists reject Thatcher talks

riots in Pernadown, including ine attacks on their homes. The police made 33 arrests, 39 police and 38 civilians were injured; 148 plastic bullets were first and there were 14 strempts to intimidate the police and a similar number of

The manner in which the tacks from loyalists has confirmed the chief constable's belief that the force can be relied mon to do its duty, while the firing of plastic bullets at loyalist rioters has infuriated hardliners who are a blaming the RUC for

Co Antrim, and attacks on the homes of police officers in Portadown, Craigavon, Lurgan and Newtown Abbey. Two shots were fixed at a vehicle containing masked men after the RUC classed a car involved in the stoning of a policeman's home in Lurgan early yesterday.

In Newtown Abbey, five shots were fired at the home of

In Belfast, there were petrol bomb attacks on business near the city centre, buses were bijacked, schools damaged and the car of Dr Joe Hendrop, a Social Democratic and Labour Party assembly

jured during the rioting are in the Royal Victoria hospital with serious injuries. A man aged 20 from Largan is described as very seriously ill. Yesterday, thousands of it through Larne for their traditional Easter parade. It passed off without disturbance.

Labour pledge on help for elderly

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A new package of benefits for pensioners was unveiled by the Labour Party yesterday m the run-up to next week's Fulham by-election.

The 10-point programme, which includes new pledges for the elderly, is sure to lead to debate with the Govern-

Launching the package while campaigning in Fulham, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour social services spokesman, said it would include an increased death grant to at least £200 and a new winter premium of £5 a week for all pensioners on supplementary benefit and to one million widows and pensioners hving on the poverty line.

The package would also contaio a nationwide, offpeak, half-fare travel system; an immediate rise in basic State pensions of £5 a week for single people and £8 for pensioner couples, and retention of the state earnings-

related peosion scheme A 3 per cent annual increase in National Health Service spending to help to look after the growing number of elderly,

But the principal of the flying school. Mr. Colin Beckwith, said it ban on solo flying imposed on the trainee Libyan pilots would continue more money for community services such as home-hel and meals on wheels, and a microscol Caristmas bonus in spite of the police decision. "We shall just leave that as £40 would also be included. it is for a few days. It is just a gesture on behalf of the train-Mr Meacher said that Labour's first year of office, no school for the benefit of the single pensioner would receive blic to show we are not the equivalent of one-third of average earnings per week and a couple almost half

airport were willing to form person's pension would be equivalent to 43 per cent of suicide squads against American targets began on Friday and involved Special Branch average earnings by 1998, and that of a married couple to 57 per cent of average earnings.

Airport.

Yesterday, Mr Peter Winship, assistant chief con-stable (operations) for Thames Mr Meacher said the programme would be financed from the £3,500 million which Valley police, said the inqui-ries had ended: "There is no would be recouped from the top 5 per cent of salary earners who have benefited from Confurther police action that ap-pears appropriate at this stage", he said. Eleven Libyans are training servative tax concessions.

at Oxford Airport. Three are pilots and eight are taking igineering courses. Mr Beckwith said the train-

ing school demanded the high-est standards of personal and

Glasgow rules out newspaper fences

Glasgow City Council yes though only after proper nego-terday ordered Mr Robert tiation, the principle of a five-Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Record and Sunday Maxwell has been insisting on. Mail, to remove the barbed. al complex at Kinning Park; where The Sun is printed.

Glasgow planning depart-ment said that the fences broke regulations. Barbed wire and other encroachments. which have been put up will Investigations into claims all have to come down. It is up planning permission for such measures.

Planning inspectors in Glasgow were drawing up a list last night of properties and factory premises in the city where similar defences have appeared in the past few mouths. It followed a day of intense activity by the inspectors at premises throughout the city where security fences have been put up.

On the eve of the deadline set by Mr Maxwell for his Scottish workforce to apply for their jobs back with the two new companies he has set up, the National Union of Jornalists chapel at the Daily Record voted to accept;

the Daily Record and Sundaybound printing plant at Mail had filled in forms of Anderston Quay, and made a provided by Mr. Maxwell to similar order at the same time apply for their jobs against the News Internation. Que journalist said: Every

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the form but we are sticking tion does not change a great deal; it is what we have always . said we were willing to do." He said that 25 per cent of

pers already worked a five-day Mr Maxwell's decision 40 dismiss all the workers at Anderston Quay brought more protest in Scotland yes-terday. Mr Jim Sillars, executive member of the Scottish

National Party, challenged Mr Maxwell to come to Scotland Maxwell to come to our and argue his case in public. He called for a Department of Trade and Industry investigation into the closure. The party is to send 1,046 postcards, one for each Mirror Group employee dismissed, to Mr Maxwell. They have been

Mr Maxwell. Hey have been signed by people in Glasgow protesting against the loss of the two newspapers.

Lonrho preparing new offer for Land Rover

after receiving more information from the BL board.

The offer will be submitted before the April 15 deadline the board set last week for Lourho and the rival Land Rover management buy-out team to confirm or renew their offers.

which is headed by Mr David Andrews, a BL director, said yesterday that it was "quite happy" with its original offer made on February 24 and would not be changing it. A senior member of the Lonrho board said: "In the first round we were provided with the absolute minimum of information and refused facil-. ities to inspect the factory.

"Despite these very considerable obstacles and the very Geneva).

The Lourho group is prepar-ing a new offer for Land Rover after receiving more informa-spectrum and the second state of the second se go into the second round. "That only began last

Thursday - the day before the Easter holidays - when we were given access to such vital information as cash-flow and other track records." The management offer has

been seen up to now as the clear favourite. Last night, however, industry sources said Lonbro was a very strong challenger. Its biggest advantage was its financial "muscle". • Land Rover is well placed

to win a Swiss army order for 6,000 vehicles worth more than £60 million, with possi ble further orders later (Alan. McGregor writes from

Sir Bob Reid, chairman of businessman the Governmen

able success in bringing railway finances under control,

and accepting tough targets from the Government. A lifelong railwayman, he is far from being the outside Edinburgh.

British Rail, is to continue for was looking for at the time of a further three years from next his appointment, but he has year, it was disclosed done the job just as Mr yesterday. Nicholas Ridley, the monetarist Secretary of State for Transport, wished. With no obvious successor, the likeli-hood of Sir Bob continuing has grown steadily in recent

Falklanders are keen to stay British By Patricia Clough

shows that 94.5 per cent of the islanders want to remain British, and only 0.3 per cent, equivalent to three people, want the Argentine to take over, it was disclosed esterday.

Exactly four years after the Argentine invasion, the spr-vey of the 1,033 voters was

commissioned by the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Association from Marplan Only 5,2 per cent Sevented other solutions to the Islands fature. In all 920 islanders, or 89

per cent of them, responded to the survey. The results were vetted by the Electoral Reform Society.
In terms of actual numbers

the survey showed that 869
Falklanders wanted Britishsovereignty, 15 wanted independence, nine favoured a
lease-back agreement, three a
United Nations trusteeship and three Argentine sovereignty. Eleven proposed some other solution and 10 chose two solutions.

Mr Eric Ogden chairman of

the association, said: "No one can doubt any more that what the Falklanders want is to be British and to continue to be



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Confidential Restoration 'to take years'

The Hampton Court fire

mirrors, candle stands and items of gilded wood furniture

damaged items.

Architects from the Properto place a temporary cover. over the damaged area where the roof had collapsed before carrying out a detailed exami-nation of the damage.

Rare call to

duty for

roval coroner

The inquest on the body found after the Hampton Court fire means a rare call to

duty for the Queen's House-hold Coroner.

This is the first time Lieu-

tenant-Colonel George McEwan has held such an

inquest since he was appointed

to the century-old post in December 1983.

The last death to fall to the Household Coroner came in 1978 when a maid in St

James's Palace took a drug

The Hampton Court body, still not formally identified but

believed to be that of Lady Gale, aged 75, comes under the provisions of a law dating from 1887. Col McEwan has

to be called in when a body

which has suffered death by

violent or immediately

inexplicable means" is found

in any of the Queen's palaces

that it was too soon to know in detail what work would be

Mr Ian Gray, the palace superintendent, said that parts would be respened to the public "within a few days".

apartments on the floor

The fire began in a private grace and favour flat in Fountain Court at the centre of the palace, and spread to the state

Mr Gray denied suggestions that there had been concern for some time over the ability of Lady Gale, who died in the fire, to look after herself on

was fit enough to live on her own. You cannot impose on the tenants too much," Mr Gray He added that Palace officials had no evidence to sug-gest that the fire had been started by lighted candles.

The fire was first noticed by smoke detectors which Palace security office, shortly after 5.30 am on Monday. Sprinklers are not fitted in

the state spartments becau of the damage they would inflict on works of art. Mr Gray said that firemen had arrived within five minr own in the flat. utes of being called, and he "Lady Gale had had two praised their speed."

Public purse to foot **Hampton Court bill**

By Richard Dowden

Hampton Court, like all royal palaces and government buildings, was not insured commercially. The rebuilding will be paid for out of the public purse.

It appears to be accepted wisdom in Whitehall that the premiums involved in insurng Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and similar buildings would be greater than the occasional bill for a disaster such as happened at Hampton Court However the Department of

the Environment said yesterday that commercial companies were never approached for estimates to test that view. "The Government bears its own responsibility," the department said yesterday. "In-surance is carried by the Treasury. It is not likely to go bust and has a good source of funds in the public."

Norwich Union, the insurance company, said however that cathedrals and National Trust properties are insured commercially so the premiums are oot prohibitive.

No doubt they would be

significantly big premiums, and in the end there has to be a judgement whether the claims outweigh the premiums, but I would have thought that the Government ought to bring these properties to the market to get estimates," its spokes-man added. Fears that insurance compa-

nies would impose fire precau-tions which might spoil the buildings' beauty are not borne out by the experience of the National Trust. It is regarded as expert by the insurance companies and takes fire precautions on its 11,000 properties in consulta-tion with local fire

BR chief to stay on

Sir Robert, aged 65, was appointed in 1984 and it was thought unlikely that he would take a second term. But in two-and-a-quarter has grown years he has achieved remark-months.

His second term will see a consolidation of his ambi-

tions, the splitting of BR into electrification from London to

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Professional men most likely to cite adultery as grounds for divorce

Divorce statistics seem to show a class distinction between what are considered acceptable grounds for ending a marriage, a survey has

The survey of the reasons for divorce in England and Wales shows a "distinct social class gradient" in the proportion of divorce decrees which are awarded to wives.

Women married to men in professional occupations are east-likely to seek divorce, especially on grounds of un-reasonable behaviour, com-pared with those whose husbands have an unskilled

But professional men cited adultery by their wives as grounds for divorce in the majority of their cases - 46 per cent - while only one wife in four married to a professional

alleged his adultery. "Adultery is cited relatively more often among couples in the higher social classes than in the manual occupation social classes," Mr John Haskey, a statistician at the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys in London, says in his report.

Warning Girl told to hostels to 'avoid strangers'

on alcohol The tradition of youth hos-tels in England and Wales as healthy, safe refuges for young travellers is in danger of being eroded, it was claimed yester-

telling her not to go in cars with anyone she did not know. Action on Alcohol Abuse condemned a motion to be considered by a Youth Hostels Association council conference on Saturday, allowing wine and beer to be served with meals to people aged 18 and over and on special occasions at the YHA's 260 near Leeds, who is divorced from Sarah's mother, Mrs Jackie Harper, said: "Whoev-

Mr Don Steele, AAA director, said in London: "The YHA, which stands in the best traditioo of British provision for the health and well-being of young people, will become

just another licensed hotel." The AAA was formed three years ago at a conference of medical royal colleges. Mr pair of Clark's size II brown Andrew Chinneck, the YHA's shoes, as worn by the missing chief executive, said yester girl, to get in touch with the "In no way are our hostels going to become drinkdens." A trial-scheme, allowing beer and wine with meals to people aged 18 and over was introduced two years ago in three hostels in the West Country and the Peak District. There was no evidence of alcohol abuse.

Firm set to defy the Queen By Gavin Bell

An Essex company is set to incur royal displeasure by printing half a million colour transfers for T-shirts to commemorate the wedding of Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson in July.

Imagine Transfers, of Braintree, will begin producing the heart-shaped transfers today, depicting the royal couple with the legend legend 'congratulations", in response to trade demand from Europe and the Commonwealth.

Lord Airlie, Lord Chamberlain, started a controversy last week by announcing that royal portraits and emblems should not be reproduced on clothing other than headscarves.

Venables plea Terry Venables, aged 43, the

manager of Barcelona football club, is petitioning for divorce, according to a stateissued by his wife's

behaviour is proved relatively more frequently among cou-ples to the lower social classes than in Social Classes I and H.

This pattern accords with the popular view of the typical kinds of marital misbehaviour in the higher and lower social classes, but the evidence may reflect different social class attitudes as to what constitutes an 'acceptable' offence on which to petition."

He adds that social attitudes to divorce have changed. "The stigma which used to be attached to divorce has diminished considerably.

Today divorce can be ob-tained on the fact of the couple's separation, whereas 50 years ago it was only 50 years ago it was only possible by proving one partner's adultery."

During the past three de-cades, he points out, the divorce rate has increased six-

Teenage girls, who married while pregnant, and their hus-bands have "particularly high divorce rates in the early years

The survey also showed that d Surveys in London, says a higher proportion of women who are granted a divorce remarry than do their bus-

The father of Sarah Harper

the missing schoolgiri, said yesterday she had been told

Mr Terry Harper, aged 30, a dustman, said: "I was always

"As time has gone on I have

to think something terrible

Mr. Harper, of Rothwell,

er is responsible. I plead with

them to ring the police even if

Sarah, aged 10, went miss-

ing last Wednesday on a short shopping trip near her home in

Detectives yesterday ap-pealed to anyone who finds a

Morley, near Leeds.

not to talk to strangers.

She used to say: "I won't'.

has happened."

it's bad news

bands. Among couples where the husband obtained the decree, more husbands than

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wives remarry.
It also found that couples in their thirties are in the most

dangerous age group for di-vorce because of adultery. Women who obtain decrees because of their husbands' adultery are most likely to be in their early thirties, and older than their husbands, and are just as prone to being

However, men who seek a divorce because of their wives' extra-marital affairs are most likely to be in their late thirties, and five or more years older than their partners.

Couples where adultery or

unreasonable behaviour has been proved, are the most likely to have dependent children, and to have married at younger than average ages, the survey shows.

Marriage partners with no children are more than twice as likely to part by mutual consent after two years' separation as couples with

The full report will be published in Vol.18, No.2 of the Journal of Biosocial

Air routes

in line for fares fight A cut-price air fares contest day at the newest terminal of the world's busiest internamay be on the way, according to the International Air Transtional airport.

port Association. It said yesterday that American airlines are making more seats available on Atlantie routes than the market can

In addition the oumber of tourists from the United States has been falling.

The association's headquar ters at Geneva reported Mr Gunter Eser, its director general, as saying that more than 750,000 seats had been crossing the Atlantic empty each month this winter. Mr Mi-chael Spicer, Britain's avia-tion minister, said last month that in the present round of talks with the United States about renewing agreements oo. limiting the number of airlice seats, Britain thought it was "essential" to prevent overcapacity.

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keep animals for various pur-

poses, so we have an obliga-

tion to ensure that their welfare is as good as possible,

and is never below certain

The chair is being funded by

the Animal Welfare Founda-

tion, established in 1983 by

the British Veterinary Associ-ation. The foundation's chair-

man, Mr Neal King, said the appointment established ani-

mal welfare as a discipline in

its own right and was the first

step towards a centre of

Dr Broom would be in

position to offer unbiased and

genuine, scientifically based,

opinions on all welfare matters.He will concentrate

initially on animals kept on

"People will continue to

University sets up an animal welfare chair person shooting views the rabbit as a food source, as a

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent The appointment of the world's first professor of animai welfare was heralded yesterday as an attempt to replace emotion and prejudice with scientific research.

Dr Donald Broom, reader in pure and applied zoology at Reading University, will take up his post at Cambridge in September. He immediately made it clear that be did not visualize himself as a "moral watchdog" but as someone in a position to advise on the situation "from the animals"

point of view." "Animal rights are not the same as animal welfare," he said. "A rabbit in a cage responds to its environmental conditions, irrespective of whether it is being kept for human food, for laboratory

use or as a pet.
"A wild rabbit responds to being shot at, whether the

farms and in zoos. School beating award

tacked their son during a school trip to Majorca two years ago, have received a £700 out-of-court settlement from Mid Glamorgan council. The Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment said that after pupils back.

from Ferndale Lower Com seen up after "lights out" a teacher entered a bedroom where Jeffrey Davies, aged 15, of Tylorstown, was sleeping. A photograph four days later showed "severe bruising his shoulders and

Portrait of a top executive

ne. Yet, in maximiza

only, 2 per cent mentioned the

The average chief executive of a leading British company is male, aged 52, married with two or more children, and has responsibility for 5,656 employees. He spends 52 nights a year away from home on siness, and arrives at the office well before 8.20 am unless he is taking one of his 22 days' annual leave, almost certainly abroad.

This portrait emerges from a study of corporate leadership prepared by PA consulting oup, the interactional management and technology advis-ers, who surveyed 256 from The Times

It also discovered that British company chiefs are more likely to have attended a grammar school than a public school, and will have achieved their first directorship within 15 years of professional life, unless they were following in fathers' footsteps, in which case progress would have been even quicker.

Most chief executives their personal productivity choose to live in the country within 35 minutes of their use of computers.

Many felt that there was office and drive themselves to much to be done to improve work. They are health-con-scious and set aside time for attitudes towards business and manufacturing if Britain was relaxation and sport (usually to become competitive again. Nearly half called for better olf, tennis, or walking). Only 2 per cent jog. Their most popular pastimes are music, education and more professional training, and there was gardening and reading. strong criticism of the public They are, the consultants deduce, increasingly interna-

school system that two-fifths of them had experienced. tional in outlook (more than Two-fifths of the respon half have spent more than dents could remember particuthree and a half years working lar incidents which they felt abroad), but more concerned had provided them with cruwith people than profit. Nearlessons in leadership. ly 70 per cent listed "people Almost all were moments of concerns" such as comman intense conflict, such as facing tion, motivation and selection bankruptcy, strikes, redun-dancies, industrial injuries and of managers as their most important responsibilities.

Only just over a quarter cited But one man remembered a profit, financial performance and return to shareholders. teenage cricket triumph, another his first sight of Japa-More than half said they consensus-style had instituted formal processent, and a third menes to encourage innovation in their companies. Nearly onetioned his first visit to the shop-floor. It was the first fifth use a desk-top terminal, time the workers had ever seen one-third a car phone, and nearly two-fifths a dictating their managing director. Study of Corporate Leadership in Britain, 1986(PA consulting group, Rutland House, Rutland Gardens, London, SW7 1BY).

Royal opening for £200m terminal

The Prince and Princess of Wales formally opened the new Terminal 4 yesterday, to consolidate Heathrow's position as the world's top international airport.

Costing £200 million to build over four years, T4 will raise Heathrow traffic from 30 million to 38 million passengers a year, and should provide a substantial boost to British Airways, its main user.

In a wry comment on the tize of the new terminal, the Prince said that he and his wife seemed to have walked miles, and suggested that the long vistas in modern airport terminals were perhaps de-signed to ensure that the nger fell asleep as soon as be boarded the aircraft.

Before opening the terminal, the Prince and Princess inau-gurated the London Underground's new £23 million nsion to the Piccadilly Line, taking airport passen-gers on a loop beneath the airport, first to the new Heathrow Terminal 4 station. then to Heathrow Terminal 1, 2 and 3, formerly Heathrow

Thw Prince's injured finger led to the royal couple performing a double act in opening the new Underground station, with the Princess holding the ribbon while the Prince snipped it with scissors in his uninjured right hand. Later the couple joined more than 800 guests for lunch in the departure lounge of T4,

which is more than two-thirds of a mile long and probably the world's most spacious airport Hundreds of staff were on duty manning their normal positions in an attempt to create an illusion of a normal

All the shops were manned and many of the British Airways and KLM check-in desks were staffed. Bank, catering, and bar staff were on duty. British Airways had even parked a Boeing 747 and a Concorde close to their normal



Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and New York were all investderlying growth in aviation", Sir Norman said, "but we have to run faster to hold on to our

The Prince of Wales using his "good" hand to cut the ribbon when opening Terminal 4 at Heathrow airport yesterday. February.

Duke puts plan to aid sports sponsors

The Duke of Edinburgh has epeated his call for a counseling service to be set up to help prospective sponsors of sport-

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He also wants a subcommittee in aversee "parliamentary and Whitehall liaison in order that the real achievements of sports sponsorship can be put

The Duke was outlining a 12-point plan to make life easier for companies wishing in be involved in sports sponsorship, in his capacity as president of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship, which was formed five months ago and has already trebled its membership.

He said: "The sponsorship

nf sport has been transformed in the last 10 years. It is vital that this large and growing financial investment is put to best use for the benefit of both sport and the sponsoring company. The issue will play an increasingly important role in this area.

"I firmly believe that commercial companies have a great deal more to offer than simply money, and I hope that their professional expertise will be extended, through the institute, to governing bodies to improve efficiency, extend the sport's appeal and establish long-term and rewarding partnerships between sport

Fan punched a policeman

A football supporter who punched a policeman as he was being arrested for trying to prevent another fan's arrest was sent to a detention centre for three weeks at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday. Luke Tait, aged 19, of Manor Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, a first offender,

was arrested during a match at Loftus Road, west London, in

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portant as tobacco as an illicit currency in jail. according to Wandsworth Prison's board of

As a result discipline and control are undermined, the board says inits report for 1985. Trafficking in the prison

Wandsworth's report is only one sign of the growing prison crisis, which has almost brought officers to the point of industrial action, one of the nost difficult situations the Home Office has to face.

The threat by the Prison Officers' Association comes as the jail population in England and Wales has climbed to 47,123, the highest figure this year, increasing already unac-

ceptable overcrowding.

The latest figure for people held in police cells, acknowledged to be unsuitable for the purpose, is 39, all in the South-

A circular by Mr David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, tells of the battle it says it has fought to protect essential services. These are regarded by prison staff as necessary to effective running of the

and association between prisoners out of their cells at set hours and workshops.

Staff say that a budget cut about 14: hours a week in the work done by each officer.

This year, there is, they claim, a further reduction of about three hours a week. Although excessive overtime has been a recurring issue in prisons, the argument against cutting hours generally is that life for prisoners and staff becomes more restrictive, with increased tension as a

cuts to essential tasks are being proposed by the management to remain within budget. There are, it adds, rejecting established agreements as the basis for negotiation, and are making up their rules as they go along.

The prison officers are seeking a meeting of the Home Office prison department's Whitley council. It is expected to take place next Tuesday. The council is a forum for the discussion by management spend much too long in their and staff representatives of cells. Miss Vivien Stern, They include the mainte- conditions. If the meeting is Nacro's director, said.

nance of proper levels of unsuccessful, there will be a security and control, visits ballot of members calling for

moustrial action.

The action will seek to
protect manning levels. Mr
Evans says in his circular,
protect staff and inmate safety, and ensure prison regimes

remain humane. Prison officers say a higger squeeze on casb limits could so restrict life in prisons that the individual safety of staff and prisoners would be

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, announced on March 25 that 54 prison worksbops would close. A further 31 would remain open provided improved performance could be sustained. Six bundred inmates would be sent to other workshops,

other jobs in prison or to

educational or other training

The closure of workshops at Holloway Prison, London, the under use of sports facilities and cancellation of education classes was yesterday criti-cized by the National Associa-tion for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. Prisoners were having to

spend much too long in their

The planning muddle: 1

Rubbish dump legacy of a long-defunct council

trols in the planning system because they act as "a brake on enterprise and an job-creating". But as High Clay-ton, Environment Correspon-dent, reports, there are those for whom the system is quite loose enough already.

The garden at Stock Farm House slopes gently towards a belt of trees. The scene is set in leafy countryside in one of the more comfortable outer reaches of London's commuterland. It is classed officially as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

It is wise not to try to sample the beauty just beyond the end of the garden too closely. People can remember when the land behind the house was typical flat Surrey scrubland where village children played.

Today the same space is ringed by strands of barbed wire as a quarry is hlasted and dug to a depth of 100ft and a width of about 700ft. Mr Christopber Monk, who

was the house, does not want a deep quarry at the end of his garden, especially one at which only strands of wire keep wandering children at bay. He wants a rubbish dump even less, but that is what the mmense hole is supposed to become once its potential as a quarry has been exhausted.

Mr Monk has won wide support from local people who have turned themselves into a



Mr Christopher Monk and his wife at the barbed wire fence surrounding the quarry workings (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

protest group called the brought to life in a completely Stockstone Quarry Action different way", Mr Monk Working Committee, or complained. Sqawc for sbort.

The recent rapid expansion of the quarry has been based on a planning permission issued in 1952 by a council that was abolished more than 10 years ago. "It is perfectly ridiculous that a licence grant-ed in 1952 should be suddenly finished quarry be a dumping ground for London's rubbish.

The licence said that when

the quarry had been fully worked it would have to be filled in or have its surface covered with "materials agreed to be suitable for plant growth".

Surrey County Council has agreed, on the basis of that

licence of 1952, to let the London, except that many

local people fear the endless rumble of heavy lornes. The dumping plan is op-posed by many parish coun-cils, but their collective wrath from a lack of deep holes in which to dump rubbish. They have to look far beyond their own boundaries for suitable

is not enough to overrule the county authority. Sqawc is therefore about to

Stockstone quarry looks ideal with its direct road access less than 50 miles from take the case to the High Court. Tomorrow: The looming warehouse.

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BBC to go private on catering

Many urban councils suffer

dumping grounds.

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to privatize its the nesting site at Loch Garten catering services, saving in the Highlands. This sure £2 million-a-year with the loss sign of spring was doubly of 588 jobs.

The proposal is the latest cty for the Protection of Birds, step in a reorganization programme designed to switch might not return after vandals funds from administration to cut the top 20 feet off the 50ft

The changes, when complete, are likely to lead to a total loss of 2,000 staff jobs in engineering, security and administration. The BBC hopes that the changes will help to pay for more new programmes and the start of daytime

prove that the corporation is now run as a "tight ship" and defeat critics who want to see advertising on its broadcasts.

Most of the corporation's London catering units will be put in the hands of private contractors wants wants.

tractors next month

are already unfilled and a further 51 will be lost through retirement. Private caterers at Television Centre, Broadcastare expected to employ some of the present staff.

In November, the corporation announced the loss of 550 posts, mainly in engineering, releasing £15.6 million for programme production. Two mouths later a further 625 jobs in engineering and support services were cut to save £7.5 million.

The BBC's commercial arm has signed a three year agree-ment with EMI records for the manufacture and distribution of the corporation's records.

Osprey is back in fixed nest

By Ronald Faux An osprey has returned to

ety for the Protection of Birds, which feared that the ospreys

nested for the past 27 years. The site is now protected by alarms and a 24-hour watch by

Mr John Hunt, reserves manager for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in Scotland, said yesterday that a female osprey, which had laid eggs for the past five years at the loch, had settled at the

· The birds are sensitive to severe changes at the nest site. When vandals tried to cut down the tree, severing two of the main branches, the society feared that the ospreys would reject the repaired tree, which has bolted on branches and a nest refurbished on a plat-form. Mr Hunt said the female had flown from Africa, where she had wintered, on Monday.

She had landed on the nest, and accepted it immediately. But the next few weeks will be a crucial time for a male to appear. Unfortunately the male last year flew into a wire and was killed."

More than one million people have visited the loch site since it was opened. There are 30 pairs of ospreys in the Scottish Highlands. The population built up from near-extinction in 1914 when the birds were persecuted and preyed npon by egg-collectors.

Drug addicts are given priority for housing

Edinburgh District Council Conservatives believed that voted yesterday to give priori-ty on the city's housing wait-ing list to drug addicts who

were reforming.

Mr Nigel Griffiths, the said that only about a dozen cases would be involved.

The decision was condemned by the Conservative opposition. Mr Paul Martin, the party's leader, said that the menace of drugs might be introduced into parts of the city where it was not a problem.

Housing priority would be iven to any drug addicts who claimed to be attempting to give up their addiction. The

by the council. They would ask every tenants' association to get in touch with their local councillor if they had any fears about

the scheme. "Those people who have been on the waiting list for many years will be appalled to find they have been jumped over in this way," Mr Martin

The ruling Labour group said they were merely putting in writing what had been agreed all-party procedure for the past 18 months.

Nine stranded as sailing ship runs aground

Nine people were stranded early yesterday after a 60-tonne sail training ship, the Robert Gordon, ran aground off the Kent coast.
A Sheerness lifeboat stood

by for more than six bours waiting for high tide to free the 70ft vessel, which had wedged itself on a sand bank. The sailing ship was then towed into Queenborough, on the Isle of Sheppey. The crew was shaken but unhurt.

Mr Robin Castle, the life-

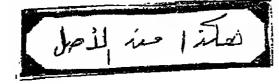
boat cox, said that four people, including two cadets aged 13 and 14, were ferried to land. The rest of the crew stayed on board the vessel.

At Torquay, Devon, a Soviet freighter, the Enkholot, towed two American women to safety after their yacht was dismasted in beavy seas early

Scots launch charter on dole reform

Scottish churchmen, trade naionists and councillors tackle the fundar

They launched a seven-page charter, outlining their own proposals for reform - including the elimination, so far as possible, of means testing - to be seen to the charter. be sent to the Prime Min and the Secretary of State for 100 organizations have signed the charter, launched at the offices of the Scottish Trades Union Congress. The document claims that there is plenty of evidence that the wealthy gain far more from present inequalities in the



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Army joins rescue at site of Mexican air crash

From John Cartin
Mexico City

The Mexican Army joined teams yesterday in trying to recover the bodies of 166 ople, including eight crew embers, killed on Monday in Mexico's worst air disaster. By Monday night only 25 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage of the Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 which crashed into densely ra Madre, 100 miles west of Mexico City, 20 minutes after

takeoff from the capital.

The authorities have abandoned all hope of finding survivors and the difficulty of the terrain was thought likely to prolong the rescue work.

Red Cross workers said. wreckage was found over a six-mile radius, appearing to substantiate the reports of witnesses that the plane exploded, or caught fire, be-fore crashing.

has suggested there might have been a bomb in the plane, but so far there seem to be few real cines as to the reason for the disaster, in which 22 children under the age of 12

All that is known for certain from the pilot's last radio communication is that the plane began to lose altitude some 10 minutes before the crash. Early yesterday rescue workers were still searchin for the plane's black box. Mexicana officials said the pilot had 15,000 hours flying time behind him and the plane,

Mexico's National Union of Aviation Workers has claimed

bought in 1981, was one of the

west in a fleet of 39 Boeing



Rescue workers recovering a body from the mountainside wreckage of the crashed Mexican Boeing while (right) another worker clambers over the tangled remains of part of the jet



The whole world was told

Headline-grabbing propos-

als designed to portray the

Soviet Union as the more ardent pursuer of peace aod

disarmament have become the hallmark of Mr Gorb-

achov's aggressive diplomatic

style. Soviet sources say they

will continue because they are

deemed effective at influenc-

ing public opinion. Leading article, page 13

Poll hope

for heir

of Mahdi

From Gill Lusk Khartoum

Sudan went to the polls

yesterday in the country's first

free elections for 18 years. The

results, to be announced from

April 16 oowards, will deter-

mine the form of the civilian

the technocratic/military

councils that have run the

President Nimeiry's over-

Electioo forecasts consis

tently put the National Umma

Party, led by a former Prime

Mioister, Mr Sadiq al-Mandi,

in the lead to form a coalition

that is expected to include the

country's other traditional

party, the Democratic Union-

ist Party (DUP).

Mr al-Mahdi, great-grand-

son of the Mahdi who headed

Sudan's first modern state and

defeated Geoeral Gordon in

deot Nimeiry's pseudo-Islam-

throw in a popular uprising.

Russia insists it still wants

full summit with Reagan

The Kremlin yesterday declared it was still seeking a full 1986 summit with President Reagan, in addition to the emergency meeting on nuclear test bans proposed by Mr Gorbachov last Saturday and turned down by the White

Mr Georgy Kornienko, the influential First Deputy For-eign Minister, told reporters: "Mikhail Gorbacbov did not mean that this meeting, if it took place, would supplant the summit meeting which had been agreed upon in Geneva and which would be a visit by Mr Gorbachov to Wash-

The clarification followed widespread suggestions in the West that the surprise offer of an emergency meeting in a European capital had been designed by Moscow to extricate itself from the iocreasingly elusive second summit commitment made in Geneva

South Africa's problems with-

out the participation of the

series of contacts in Zimba-

bwe and Zambia between the

Eight members of the Na-

tional Union of South African

nior officials of the ANC.

But despite the new statement oo Kremlio intentions, there has still been no indicatioo bere that any progress bas been made in breaking the deadlock between the Soviet Union and the US in fixing a date for Mr Gorbachov's visit end of the year.

Mr Kornienko stressed that the Soviet Union would not agree to any date until the White House guaranteed that concrete agreements on arms cootrol could be expected to emerge from the second summit meeting We should be sure of the

constructive outcome of the meeting, and then as far as a date is concerned, any date can be agreeable," he said. We do not believe it is feasible to set a date and not to know what would become of it later on. Mr Kornienko also dis-

closed yesterday that no diplomatic contacts of any kind had Mr Kornienko flatly rejected the US demand that Mosbeen made for the organizing cowabandon Mr Gorbachov's

Secret meeting defies Pretoria

White students say ANC is

essential to peace deal

of a US visit by the Soviet practice of anoouncing diploleader. This disclosure folmatic initiatives, such as the proposed European summit lowed reports that senior US in advance - a gambit which officials had this week warned has caused recent irritation io that time was ruoning out for arrangiog such a summit at a convenient time before the decide what questions should be made public through diplomatic channels, or otherwise." The Kremlio official re-

Mr Kornienko's remarks. combined with his scathing vealed that the US had been attacks oo recent American informed of the contents of foreign policy moves which be Mr Gorbachov's 20-minute variously dismissed as "arrogant, ... defiant ... and speech on Saturday only after it had been broadcast live. provocative", have convinced Western observers that the our decision, and after we informed the US," be said. chances of a summit in the near future are fading fast.

The latest Soviet declarations were made at a televised more than 400 journalists and seen as a direct snub to Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who called for a quick return to private

Democrats jib at **Stingers** for rebels

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Leading Democrats in the US Congress are worried by President Reagan's decision to send Stinger shoulder-fired missiles to rebels in Angola and Afghanistan under covert

Mr Lee Hamilton, chairman nf the Hmuse intelligence committee, called for an end to covert assistance to the insurgents so that an open aid policy could be considered by the entire Congress

The United States is know to have given Afghan rebels hundreds of millions of dollars of weapons, including Soviet made portable missiles bought from international arms deal-ers and friendly governments.

The Washington Post quoted senior Administration officials at the weekend as saying that Stingers had been sent to rebels in both Afghanistan and Angola during the previous week.

Although the State Department issued its standard refusal to comment publicly about intelligence matters, congre sional sources confirmed that the intelligence committees of the House and the Senate had been informed privately of the President's decision.

OCILY I initiate covert programmes but is required to notify the intelligence committees, which can then indicate approval or disapproval through confiden-tial channels.

Stinger missiles, made by government to take over from General Dynamics, are relatively easy to operate and are far more accurate and souhis country in the year following ticated than the Russian-made portable missiles the Afghan and Angolan rebels have been receiving. The heat-seeking Stinger has a range of about

five miles Mr Hamilton has proposed introducing a Bill that would require aid to the Angolan rebels to be open. Covert aid limits discussion to the intelligence committees meeting in

secret sessions. "I do not think it is wise to proceed on these highly controversial foreign policy deci-1885, has led a campaign focusing oo repealing Presisions without the support of Congress," he said in a state-ment. "This is not a covert action in the ordinary under-

standing of the term. This is

The issues bave provided common ground for most leading parties, fuelling bopes Should the United States enter of a workable coalition. In an attempt to defeat the Islamic into support of one side of the war in Angola? It is a far cry Front leader, Dr Hassan Abdfrom the sort of situation Congress had in mind when it ullah al-Turabi, a former Nimeiry minister, six parties set up the procedure for hanhave agreed to ask supporters set up the procedure for to vote for a single candidate.

Sindona cyanide was in coffee

experts confirmed here that the cyanide which killed the Sicilian financier, Michele Sindona, was in a cup of breakfast coffee he drank in

But it was still not known whether he committed suicide : or was murdered, the deputy public prosecutor, Signor Giovanni Simoni, said.

Sindona died, aged 65, on March 22 two days after swallowing the cyanide in his cell in a top-security prison in northern Italy and four days after being sentenced to life imprisonment for ordering a contract murder.

Professor Anionio Fornari, one of the scientists who briefed Signor Simoni, said: Now we know for certain that the plastic cup containing the coffee drunk by Sindona had traces of poison. But we do not know how the cyanide got into the cup.'

'Rocky' shock for Soviet girl

Los Angeles (UPI) - The Soviet schoolgirl, Katerina Lycheva, believes that President Reagao will belp to ban nuclear weapons. But she says that the United States has shown her an image of Russians created by films like Rocky IV which is so horrible that even she was scared of the Soviet characters.

"There was not a word that was true in that film," Katya said through an interpreter at a oews conference during ber peace visit here. "Even the faces of the Soviet people were not the way they really are. Soviet people have friendly, open faces.

Dark at noon

Anchorage, Alaska (AFP) -The Alaskan volcano Augustine, which began erupting last week, blocked out the sun at Homer about 60 miles from here yesterday, forcing the town council to keep streetlights on during the day.

Crash toll up

Maputo (AP) - Five more people have died as a result of Sunday's crash of a Mozambi-can Air Force Antonov plane, raising the number killed to 49. Three Russians were among the dead.

Short term

than half the convicted murderers released from state prisons in the United States in 1983 spent less than seven years behind bars, a government study reported.

Ferry deaths

Dhaka — At least 38 people were killed when a ferry carrying about 250 passeogers capsized near here.

Vallee better

Los Angeles (Reuter) -Rudy Vallee, aged 85, the actor-singer, has shown a marked improvement after surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his throat. He had been in intensive care for

Fatal jump

Taipei (UPI) - A 21-yearjumped from the 12th floor in a suicide attempt but hit aod killed a food veodor was indicted for manslaughter by negligence.

Everybody out Zurich (Reuter) - The number of strikes in Switzerland rose by 50 per cent last year. There were three, com-pared with two in 1984.

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were eight members of a French family and a senior. Swedish diplomat in Mexico, Mrs Kerstin Ennerfelt, with her two sons and a sister. Rome lifts silence ban on theologian

talks.

Mexicana, the country's big-gest private commercial air-

have been on board the aircraft

(Reuter reports). Among them

month to a group of Brazilian

bishops summoned here for

Some of the bishops were believed to have asked the

ope to free Father Boff from

In October, 1984, Father Boff was ordered to Rome by

the Sacred Congregation for

the Doctrine of the Faith to

answer charges of putting forward "dangerous" doc-

trines in his latest book

the obligation of silence.

is to blame for the crash.

From Peter Nichols, Rome The Vatican confirmed yes peated his objections last terday that it has withdrawn its ban imposing silence on Father Leonardo Boff, the eminent Brazilian theologian and leading exponent of liberation theology.

A Vatican spokesman also said the Holy See would issue on Saturday a major docu-ment oo liberation theology to help guide local courches in their struggle to promote social justice and human rights. Liberation theology was de-

veloped mainly in Latin Church Charisma and Power. America, as a Christian reac The following May the Vatition to the area's massive. can made it known that Father social problems. It has been, Boff had been instructed to criticized by Rome mainly stop publishing his views and because of its alleged borrow not speak in public.

The Pope - himself has silence was officially left unshown he distrusts elements in specified but was understood

Acquitted

Bulgarian

goes home

From Peter Nichols

liberation theology and re- to have been a year. Knesset budget

IDE KENRIN OF

A Rome court vesterday removed the last obstacle to the departure from Italy of Mr Sergei Antonov, the Bulgarian airline official acquitted for lack of evidence on Saturday of conspiracy to murder the

But the same court ruled that two Turks acquitted on the same charge should stay here because the prosecution has appealed against their Mr Antonov left Italy last

night. An executive with Balkan Air at the time of his arrest, he left on a Yugoslav flight as his own airline had no flight out of Rome until late in The prosecution had asked

for life imprisonment for Mr Musa Celebi and Mr Omer Bagci. But in Mr Antonov's case the prosecution did not appeal, as the prosecutor himself had recommended acquittal because of insufficient evidence.

Under Italian law, however, there remained the theoretical possibility of an appeal until April 28, so his departure from the country required a special court ruling before an exit visa could be granted. Mr Antonov was arrested in

Tripoli, Libya

of his confrontation with the Americans, Colonel Gadaffi

has re-launched a campaign to

demand substantial financial

reparations from Italy, Britain

In the immediate aftermath

pact furv From David Bernstein Jerusalem

The Knesset has approved a 30.2 billion shekel (£15 bilbon) budget for the new fiscal year that started yesterday. The debate and vote on

Monday was dismissed by Opposition spokesmen as farcical, after a prior agreement among the coalition parties to support the budget desprite reservations by both Labour and Likud ministers. The deal was reached after a

the Government.

hands with two hours to spare before Mr Peres's deadline. that it will be implemented

was approved. have reserved the right to continue challenging several items on the revenue side of

ANC and various South African groups, both black and white, which began in September and have gathered momentum since then, despite government displeasure.

about the budget, which was approved by a simple show of Observers doubt, however

restricted to the figure that

warning by the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres -- who left for the US earlier on Monday and was present neither for the debate nor for the vote - that failure to approve the budget before the March 31 deadline would bring down

The Opposition waived its right to debate its reservations

easily or that it will be Members of both parties

By Our Foreign Staff A meeting between South national executive committee African students and memmembers, Mr Mac Maharaj bers of the banned African and Mr James Stuart, and National Congress ended yesincluded representatives of its terday with a joint communi-Youth League. que which said the talks had been held in the belief that

Mr Maharaj said that, as a result of the meeting, the ANC now recognized Nusas as there could "no solution to "part of the democratic forces in our country".
Mr Barry said that "possibly The talks were the latest in a

for the first time . . . we have got a full picture of what the ANC positions are and what it bopes to achieve". He declined to speculate oo wbether the Nusas group

would face "recriminations on their return to South Nusas is open to students of all races, but most of its members are white. It supports many of the political aims of the ANC (though oot

Students held three days of talks over the Easter weeked at a secret venue in Harare, the Zimbabwean capital, with seits use of violence) and of its ally, the United Democratic

The decision to meet the ANC was approved by more than 8,000 students at the four

main English-speaking universities as well as by Nusas members at Stellenbosch, the oldest Afrikaans university.

Other groups which have beld talks with the ANC in recent months include white businessmen, leaders of the opposition Progressive Feder-Party, black churchmen, trade uniooists and teachers. Such public cootacts with the ANC would have been

ago, and reflect the growing acceptance by whites (and previously politically cautious blacks) of the organization's crucial role in the political debate in South Africa. In October the Government confiscated the passports of a

inconceivable as little as a year

group of students from Stelenbosch who wanted to meet the ANC in Zambia, though they were able to circumvent this obstacle later.

Since then Pretoria has made surprisingly little effort

The Nusas delegation was led by its president, Mr Brendan Barry, while the ANC team was headed by two Gallows likely for arcade bomber

guilty yesterday of murdering five whites who died in a bomb explosion at a beachfront shopping centre in Amanzimtoti, south of Durban, in December. The Supreme Court, sitting

in the resort of Scottburgh, a few miles to the sooth of Amanzimtoti, also found Andrew Zondo, aged 19, guilty of attempting to murder other members of the public who were in the shopping centre at Unless the judge, Mr Justice

were extenuating circumstances, Zondo seems certaio to go to the gallows, as the ing to Mr X, Zondo told him death penalty is mandatory for murder. Io evidence Zondo admit-

limpet mine left in a rubbish bio - but said he had not intended to kill anyone. He said it was aimed at a South African Airways office in the

truth" the evidence of a state hospital later.

X, who said he had acted as Zoodo's accomplice. Accordthe bombing was to avenge the deaths of nine people, most of them members of the outted planting the bomb - a lawed African National Coogress, killed in a raid on Lesotho by South African

The judge said the court had succeeded only in killing four accepted as having "the ring of people - a fifth person died in

commandos. Zondo allegedly expressed regret to Mr X immediately after the bombing that he had

Gadaffi demands war reparations from Britain

kili our people". against the Italian occupiers is still a matter of great national pride among Libyans

Fading old photographs in the scarcely-visited Museum of Islamic Heritage in Tripali show the bodies of Italian troops who had been stripped naked with arms staked out in the desert sun to die of thirst in the 1920s guerrilla war. Other pictures which appear in the recent brochures demanding reparations, depict Libyan peasants being executed by the

From Michael Horasby, Johannesburg A black youth was found R. N. Leon, finds that there witness, identified only as Mr

enmity, and this continues to Colonel Gadaffi notwithstanding, Libya's long war

Italians at a mass banging in

UK DBS Libya, became reconciled and have become friends". The formerly belligerent na-

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Bryan Rook, Secretary to the Authority.

2nd April 1986.

From Robert Fisk

and Germany for damage and casualties inflicted on Libyans during and after the Second World War. Brochures produced by the Libyan Government's Studies Centre in Tripoli show photo-graphs of British Elghth Army troops in the desert outside hazi, and claim that Benghazi, and claim issue 14,910 Libyaus were mutilated by Second World War hostil-by Second World War hostil-by Second World War hostilities and by landmines planted by the belligerent powers explosives which still lie over

3.850 square miles of the country.
Colonel Gadaffi specifically raised the reparations issue

during a speech in Tripoli on Friday night. He singled out the Italians as being chiefly responsible for Libyan suffering in the first half of this century because of their long, and admittedly, brutal colonization of the country. Mussolini's repression of Libyan guerrilla oppositon came at the ead of a period of Italian occupation which, according to the anthorities here, cost the lives of 26,980 Libyans, 5,867 of whom were executed by the

Italian authorities. The Libyans, who will put no figure on their claim for reparations, reject the British contention that the Eighth Army liberated the country from the linkans and the Germans Television programmes broadcast in Tripoli four days ago portrayed the Second World War in Libya as the transfer of power from one

Axis - to another, the British. Britain's evacuation of the RAF base at El Adem 16 years ago has therefore been represented as the final end of colonial rule, brought about, of course, by that well-known revolutionary, Colonel Munumar Gadaffi. The Italians take the view that they have already fulfilled

their obligations by paying out 11/2 million Libyan dinars in reparations to the pre-revolumary Libyan Government in 1956. About five years ago, the Italian Government also forwarded to Colonel Gadaffi's regime Second World War maps of Italian Army minefields together with an offer to send Italian bomb disposal teams to clear vast areas of desert which once formed the Axis frontlines. According to the Italian

Embassy bere - which says the Libyans are also claiming reparations for farm animals killed in aerial bombings between 1941 and 1942 - the offer was never accepted. The British Consul in Tripoli says he has received no claims from the Libyans although the Egyptians raised

similar issues with the British

Government several years ago

other for a long time - left

frontine maps to guide sap-pers working on the minefields The Libyan argument has been put in a straight-forward manner by the Studies Centre which says Libyans are still suffering "in consequence of a war that was fought on their land between people who were strangers to it and who – after baving struggled against each

tions, the centre says, "left in Libya the 'sonvenir' of their

and obtained photocopies of Montgomery's Eighth Army

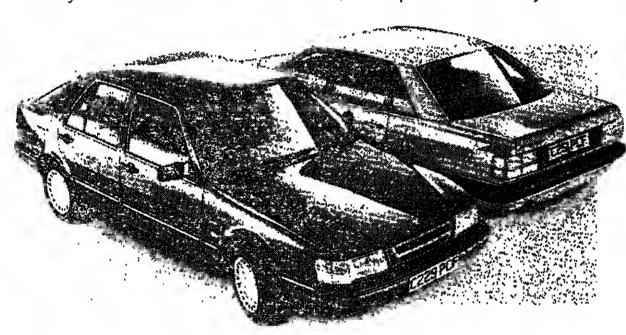
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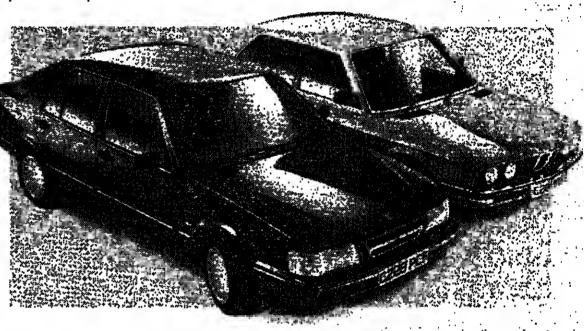
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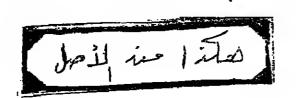
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Transatlantic war of words over quotas heats up

stand since America would derive considerable benefit

from EEC enlargement, both

politically and in terms of

trade. The entry of Spain and

Portugal would reinforce the

Western alliance, Mr de

Last month Spain voted to

stay in Nato in a national

referendum, despite strong anti-Americanism in Spain,

with many voters persuaded

that there was a logical link between Spain's membership

of Nato and its entry to the

Mr de Clercq said the EEC

had shown its willingness to

negotiate through Gatt, the General Agreement oo Tariffs

and Trade. But America's

"confrootational approach"

could lead to open commer-

He said the EEC had always

cial conflict

A heated war of words between the United States and the EEC over trade broke out yesterday with Mr Willy de Clerco, the EEC Commissioner for external relations, accus-ing President Reagan of unfriendly and needlessly ag-

gressive action. Mr de Clercq's angry statement came after a warning from the White House that it would impose fresh quotas and restrictions on agricultural imports from Western Eu-rope because the enlarged Community of Twelve was discriminating against the United States.

The Americans complain that the EEC has imposed unfair restrictions on the importing of American cereals and oilseeds into Spain and Portugal, which joined the EEC three months ago.

Europe and America are already embroiled in a grow-ing trade war over pasta, citrus fruits and steel products. EEC officials yesterday regretted the rising tone of hostility between Brussels and Washingtoo and said that "personal scrupulously observed its Gatt

contact" between the two commitments, and new Iberisides was being lost in a tide of an farm import rules under which Spain and Portugal buy Mr de Clerco, currently on a visit to New Zealand, issued a statement saying Mr Reagan's action was difficult to underfrom their EEC partners were in accordance with transition-

al accession arrangements. Unilateral action by Wash ington would be an unjustified breach of Gatt, and the EEC could not accept such a fiagrant violation of world free trade rules, the Commissioner

The American retaliatory quotas would bar \$1 billion (£667 million) of EEC imports from getting into the US. They do not take effect, however, for a month, giving the two sides time to negotiate a compromise. But Washington also objects to new EEC meat inspection regulations which would hit American meat exports to Europe by approxi-mately \$125 million.

The EEC argues that all such measures are offset by potential improved access to Spain and Portugal for American industrial goods as Iberian industrial tariffs drop from 15 per cent to the EEC average of only 5 per cent.



yesterday approved the retire-ment of 20 generals and 19 ment of 20 generals and 19 colonels in the biggest mass retirement of senior military officers in Philippine history. The state-run Philippine Agency, however, said Mrs Aquino agreed to extend for six months the terms of eight generals, including three service chiefs, and three colonels on the recommendation of General Fidel Ramon, the

armed forces chief.

The extensions violate her campaign pledge to remove from command all officers who have completed 30 years' service to allow the promotion of junior officers, caught in a backlog created by the de-posed President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, who during his 20-year rule extended for years the service of favoured

Meanwhile, US and Filipi-no negotiators have agreed to end an 11-day-old strike at US military bases in the Philippines. A seven-point package was vesterday being taken to the 22,000 union members and, if approved, barricades outside the bases would be lifted and week small program. lifted and work would resum today.

The longest strike ever at
American facilities centred

around Washington's refusal to agree to workers' demands for severance pay on resignation. The compromise agreement provides optional retirement rules, a \$100 (about £67) "signing bonus" and of rice every three



Two members of the New People's Army show off their weapoos just after getting married at a temporary camp of the communist rebels 50 miles oorth-east of Manila.

return, US officials its initial refusal to grant agreed not to retaliate against Filipino picketers who had blockaded movement in and

political asylum to Mr Marcos if President Aquino requested il (Richard Wigg writes). out of the bases. Foreign Ministry sources

MADRID: Spain would be indicated yesterday that the willing to consider reversing future of the former dictator

lay in the outcome of a visit to Manila by Senor Francisco Fernández Ordónez, Spain's Foreign Minister, and the first representative of an EEC Time runs out for fugitives = in Spain

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Spain's controversial aliens aw, which Madrid could use to expel "undesirable" Britons wanted by Scotland Yard, came into force yesterday, eight months after being promulgated.

It had to be postponed three times because of bureaucratic delays due to insufficient personnel, and expulsion orders issued in a dozen cases against suspected Britons, often months ago, appeared still bogged down.

Señor José Barrionuevo, the Interior Minister, yesterday began a visit to Spain's enclaves on the North African coast, where the attempted has caused the biggest head-aches. There have been distur-bances in Melilla, where only 7.000 local Muslims among an estimated 27,000 population have Spanish nationality.

So far only 40,000 foreigners have registered as the law requires. Io one important Mediterranean coast region. foreigners anxious to be on the right side of the law were told nt by the police that no registra-tion forms had arrived.

The Spanish Ombudsman has takeo up some of the new law's provisions before the Constitutional Court.

Bulgaria responds to Soviet critics

By Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent

Communist Party Congress and party administration, he that will try to answer some of is a strong candidate for the the Soviet Unioo's sharp com- succession to the leadership. plaints about the way that But the men who are really on Sofia is running the economy. the rise are in the Gorbachov

It follows a radical shake-up generation or even younger. of the state administration, the shifting of the Prime Minister, the sacking of several of his colleagues, and the ground and is thus well abolition of five important

economic ministries. Eastern Europe is holding its five-yearly Communist congresses in the wake of the the bloc for the new pro-Soviet session which charted Mr Gorbachov's economic and political course and held a nological gap between East barrage of criticism of the and West, and making East

Todor Zhivkov, was ranked as in the West. he closest friend in the Soviet bloc of Leonid Brezhnev and has now confirmed 44 vege has been particularly sensitive old Mr. Stoyan Markov, head to grumbling by Moscow, of the State Committee of expressed with unusual can Science and Technology as dour by the Soviet Ambassa. First Deputy Prime Minister. dor to Sofia, about the quality and he will be in charge of the of Bulgarian goods exported to broad field of "innovation". the Soviet Union and the time The reshuffle, and this

private plots. A recent reshuffle was sopposed to head off further criticism. Above all, it was designed to show that the main fault of the Bulgarians was in the implementation of economic policies - for which the Government is responsible - and not in the overall programme as defined by the

party leadership.
Although Mr Zhivkov is 74 and evidently tired, it seems unlikely that he will step down at the congress: some Western analysts suggest that he will do so at a plenary session of the Central Committee at the end of the year.

The changes, late last mooth, gave some clues as to the emerging leadership gen-

Mr Grisha Filipov has been shifted from the premiership future are men who can to the Central Committee master both party and govern-Secretariat. At 66, and with ment work.

Bulgaria today convenes a long experience in the state

Mr Georgi Atanasov, the new Prime Minister, is 53. He has a strong scientific backequipped to run the "scientific and technical revolution" in the Bulgarian economy. This is the phrase used throughout grammes of modernizing the economy, narrowing the tech-European products more com-The Bulgarian leader, Mr. petitive with those produced

The Bulgarian Parliance

spent by farmers on their week's congress, reveal above all a sensitivity to the needs of Moscow.

The Soviet Union, which supplies almost all of the energy needs of Bulgaria, has been unhappy for some years about the quality of goods it gets in return. Those areas cal engineering, the chemical industry, energy, communications and metallurgy - have found their ministries simply abolished. It is oot altogether place them.

The trend throughout the Soviet bloc, taking the tune from Moscow, is to make the Communist Party into a more effective cootrol organ of the government. That means making a clear separation between party and government, but the real leadership stars of the future are men who can

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the ethnic Turks have a much

(Bulgaria: Imprisonment of Eth-nic Turks. Aumesty Inter-national, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R OEJ. £2.50 post

majority Slavs.

TEST YOUR POWERS OF INDIFFERENCE.

I. How many households in the United Kingdom are an old person ☐ 1 in 30 ☐ 1 in 13 ☐ 1 in 10 ☐ 1 in 7 -living alone?

2. How many old people have no living relatives?

☐ 50,000 ☐ 100,000 ☐ 300,000 ☐ 500,000

3. How many old people have no regular visitors?

☐ 200,000 ☐ 450,000 ☐ 750,000 ☐ 1,000,000

4. How many old people cannot get in and out of bed unaided?

□ 20,000 □ 34,000 □ 70,000 □ 189,000 □ 500,000

5. How many old people died in their homes from the cold in 1985?

□ 200 □ 571 □ 1,000 □ 10,512 □ 100,000

6. Britain has I.I million dwellings statutorily defined as unfit for human habitation. How many are inhabited by old people?

☐ 50,000 ☐ ISO,000 ☐ 250,000 ☐ 350,000 ☐ 500,000

7. How old was:

a) Winston Churchill when he first became Prime Minister?

b) Michelangelo when he started work on the Sistine Chapel?

8. How many centenarians received congratulatory telegrams from the Queen a) in 1965? b) in 1985?

9. How many old people depend upon Supplementary Benefit?

☐ 1/2 million ☐ I million ☐ 2 million ☐ 3 million ☐ 4 million ☐ 5 million

10. What are we doing about it?

Sofia's victims listed Amnesty said it had re-ceived many reports of ethnic Turks being released from detention only after accepting

ic Terks allegedly killed the Bulgarian security aurities during a campaign to the human rights organization says in a report published today (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Some were said to have died while protesting peacefully against the campaign, others when offering riolent res-

Deaths were also reported ng police and troops.

t were said to have been killed after surrounding 2 village on December 28, 1984, soon after the four-month long

Youth shot as

protests

grip Santiago

during the disturbances.

Santiago (Renter) - A

Cabinet offers resignation to help Uruguay

Montevideo (AP) - The 11 members of the Cabinet of masked youth was shot in the fered to resign to allow Presileg and a CBS cameraman hit dent Sanguinetti to put into effect a plan to reactivate the on the head by a tear gas grenade yesterday, during economy and strengthen the demonstrations io Chile new democracy in Uruguay. marking the first anniversary The action came after news that agreement had been reached between political

of a death squad murder.
Police said 15 people were
arrested and later released groups oo a three-year plan to revive the economy and streamline administration. The Cabinet members sent

Witnesses said the CBS cameraman, Señor Leopoldo Correa, was struck by a tear-gas grenade fired from about 25 yards as a group of journal ists protested at the arrest of a colleague. He received

a note to Señor Sanguinetti saying they would abandon their posts to give the Presi-dent freedom of action to resolve political questions".

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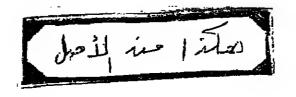
Not only does United Biscuits offer significant and immediate benefits, it offers over 17% more income than Hanson's "best" bid. The very last date for acceptance of the United Biscuits' offer is Friday, 11th April 1986. There can be no extension.*

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Governor of Punjab replaced as Delhi tries to stem violence

Delhi (Reuter, AP) - The demonstration against the Governor of the violence-racked Punjab state was replaced yesterday by a veteran politician as the central Govrament tried to restore order.

Sources in the Punjab capiof Chandigarn said Mr Shankar Dayal Sharma, in office only three months, was replaced by Mr Sidarth Shankar Ray, a lawyer, former MP and Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1972 to

Mr Ray, aged 65, has not been actively involved in politics during the 1980s.

Meanwhile, police shot dead two Sikh extremists in Punjab, and a general strike began in Delhi to protest at terrorist killings in the north-

The two men were killed in a gunfight with police near Harike Pattan village, about 30 miles south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, state authori-

Hindn-Sikh violence flared in nearby Batala when a there was less traffic, although curfew was relaxed to allow public transport was not people to buy provisions. Police said Sikh militants threw stones at Hindu-owned

and the curiew was imposed

The Sikhs dispersed after police said they would file assault charges against three Hindus who beat the Sikh youth. But about 400 Hindu women defied the curfew and staged a sit-in outside the police station to demand the

Batala has been under cur-few for more than two weeks. Last week security forces broke a five-day siege of Batala by Sikh villagers, who blockaded roads and cut off food and milk to the Hindudominated industrial town. In Delhi yesterday thou-

three be released.

sands of people heeded a call by opposition parties and moderate Sikh groups for a strike to protest at the violence Main markets, wholesale trading centres and the stock exchange were closed, and

public transport was not The replacement of the Punjab governor yesterday was the second time in three

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Sir Geoffrey was shown:

While he was being shown the freshly whitewashed houses, a group of Untouch-

lowest rung of all in Indian society and are generally referred to as Harrjans, or People of God, the name given them by Mahatma Gandhi—

peeped from the rooftops, their

faces shrouded in their saris as they watched the menfolk

pursue the visitors with trum-

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A yellow turban was put on his head and a tilak, or

welcome mark of turmeric and

a red powder called kum-kum.

was placed on his forehead. Pandit Jodhar, the village

Brahmin priest, invoked bless-ings on "Sir Geoferely" and

"It is a great honour for me. ..." said Sir Geoffrey, before the pandit interrupted

him again with another round

of intoning. The pandit was

hushed by state officials, and

Sir Geoffrey continued, his

turban nodding.

pet and dram.

6,000 rapee (£350) loan.

state had been moved. On Saturday the Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, an-nounced the replacement of the state's police chief by the country's most respected lawenforcer, Mr Julius Ribeiro, former police chief of

The violence threatened the stability of Mr Barnala's mod-erate Sikh-dominated government and has put pressure on him and the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to restore order to the prosperous state.
At least 104 people were killed last month in Punjab in sectarian violence involving the minority Hindu community, prompting the central Government to flood the state with police reinforcements.

 Anti-terror expert: Mr Ray, the new governor, had experience in dealing with left-wing terrorists, the Naxahites, when he was Chief Minister of West Bengal (Kuklip Nayar writes). His predecessor, Mr Dayal, has been given the governor-ship of Maharashtra, a bigger state, though it is clear he has been removed for not being

Rebels say they killed two Soviet advisers

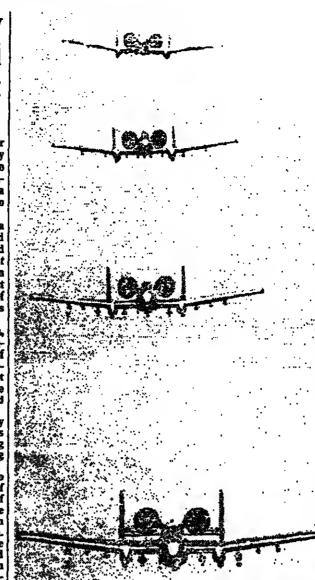
Bangkok (AFP) - Khmer Rouge guerrillas yesterday claimed to have killed two Soviet advisers, 72 Vietnamfurther 115 Vietnamese in an attack on a Cambodian town.
The rebel radio station, in a

report monitored here, said that the attack was launched on Friday against Battambang, the largest town in western Cambodia, about 180 miles porth-west of from the Thai border.

One prisoner was taken according to the Peking-backed Communist faction of the tripartite Cambodian re-sistance movement. The report indicated that it was one of the biggest offensives yet claimed

by the Khmer Rouge.
The guerrillas said they attacked Vietnamese camps defending the town, destroying military equipment, including three tanks.

Khmer Rouge radio also reported attacks on the town of Manng in the south-west of the country and a Vietnamese army base in the eastern province of Kompong Cham. Rebels also claimed to have killed 52 Vietnamese and wounded 47 last week in an attack on a Vietnamese military convoy in the central of Kompeng



US Air Force A10 Thunderbolts fly over South Korea during joint military exercises between the two countries.

Weinberger gives security pledge to South Koreans

US Defence Secretary, yesterday said the security of South Korea was pivotal to the peace stability of north-east

Arriving at Seoul's Kimpo airport for the eighteenth annual Korean-American Security Consultative Meeting, he said communist North Korea had reorganized its forces "to move them closer to the demilitarized zone and has obtained more sophisticated equipment from the Soviet

The Defence Secretary, who will visit the demilitarized between the US and South Korea was "constantly changing and majuring, as is the threat we face from the North.

"The security of Korea is pivotal to the peace and stability of north-east Asia. and that in turn is vital to the security of the United States." He said he understood South Korea was increasingly

concerned about a threat from the North during the run-up to the 1988 Olympic Games in

I know that the security of those events is of major concern to your Government during the 1986-88 period." he said to his host, Mr Lee Ki

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Baek, the South Korean Defence Minister. "I want to assure you that

we will do all we can to assist you in ensuring their safety". It is believed the Koreans will request better early warning systems from Mr Weinberger and will raise the ticklish subject of the more than 80 Hughes 500 anti-tank helicopters illegally exported to the North by a Californian firm last year.

Meanwhile, the US House of Representatives sub-committee on Asian and Pacific affairs is preparing for a series of hearings on South Korea later this month. Mr Stephen Solarz, chair-

which revealed many aspects of President Marcos's corruption and hidden wealth, both prior to his downfall and since his escape to Honolulu, said he saw the Korean situation as the natural next focus for his

"We'll be looking at the extent to which Korea could become the next Philippines. the potential for instability, the extent to which the United States should get involved in the drive for democracy and whether or not we should encourage direct election of the President." Mr Solarz

Sir Geoffrey hits the tourist trail

From Michael Hamlyn, Agra

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the off a village developme Foreign Secretary, came face to face yesterday with two widely different aspects of cleaned up for the occasion, and lime had been spread at India: the magnificence of the the side of the roads to kill the Taj Mahat and the poverty of a village of Untouchables.

Before embarking on a se-ries of meetings in Delhi, including a call on Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey flew in his RAF VC10 120 miles south of the capital to the Mogel city of Agra for a little sightseeing.

There he posed like any tourist for his wife's camera in front of the white marble mansoleum built for Emperor Shah Jehan's favourite wife,

Occasionally some tourists feel let down by the Taj. but not the Howes. "Like Chartres cathedral, it lives up to expectations." Sir Geoffrey Sir Geoffrey was asked to told me as we sheltered under lay the foundation sione of a mango tree from the rising soon-to-be-built community. cathedral, it lives up to expectations," Sir Geoffrey drinks. "The scale, which you. don't appreciate from the plac carried out by "The Hon'able tographs, and the texture Sir Geoferely". make it better than you

expect." Lady Howe caused a moment of panic among the assembled officials when she realized she had abandoned her handbag while she took her husband's photograph, and a minion was dispatched to retrieve it. It was returned to her, something unlikely to happen to other tourists in

similar circumstances. f had to give the man who found it a kiss," said the burly official who brought it back to her, dangling it from a limp

rist.

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From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

to lawyer

Mr Howard Weitzman, a Los Angeles lawyer, has be-come the owner of the \$2.5 million (£1.7 million) estate of his client, Mr John DeLorean. Judge Lawrence Irving approved the transfer of the San Diego property as part of the massive legal fees for Mr Weitzman's successful 1984 defence of Mr DeLorean on criminal charges of trafficking in \$24 million of cocaine. Judge Irving ruled that the fees were reasonable.

Mr Weitzman is also defending the designer of the Belfast-made Dellorean sports car on charges of defrauding his DeLorean Motor Company investors of \$18 million.

In approving the transfer of the 48-acre ranch home of Mr DeLorean and his former wife, Cristina, Judge Irving Mr Weitzman had "pulled off the legal miracle of the century in winning acquinal for Mr Delorean.

LA plague new heroin

Los Angeles — A cheap but often deadly form of heroin is being smuggled over the Mexican border into the United States, according to Los Angeles police (Ivor Davis writes). Narcotics investigators say the illegal drug, known as "tar" or "black tar" because of its colour and texture, has tripled the number of heroin overdose deaths in Los Angeles in the past few years. Heroin-related emergencies jumped from 1,833 in 1984 to

2,278 last year. They say that the tar is processed from opium poppy crops by farmers in northern Mexican states and smuggled into the US, mostly by illegal aliens and migrant workers.
It is readily available in

some 27 US states and especially in Mexican-American communities. What makes the spread of the often-lethal drug so alarming is its cheapness. A chip the size of a matchstick head costs from \$20 to \$30 (about £13 to £20) and provides up to eight doses.

'Briefcase' firms shut Peking (Reuter) - China were set up to take advantage

by state or Communist Party the economy. It was said the agencies in violation of regulations which forbid officials to officials were involved. go into business.

The China Daily reported yesterday that the closures had come in the wake of a nationwide crackdown on corrup- dries, barber shops, bath The "briefcase companies"

has closed 96,000 firms set up of reduced state control over The newspaper quoted an

official announcement as saying state and party agencies were permitted to run launtion, fraud and other econ- houses and other services as long as they were purely for the welfare of their employees.

TEST YOUR POWERS OF COMMITMENT.

I. One household in seven in the UK is an old person living alone. Help the Aged funds day centres throughout the country. For many old people, day centres are their only chance of companionship.

2. Nearly half a million old people have no living relatives. Help the Aged is aiming to place one minibus every week with voluntary groups. For no less than 20,000 old people who already use this service every week, it is a vital link with the community.

3. One million old people have no regular visitors. Help the Aged's Lifeline Appeal has already placed nearly 1,000 emergency alarm systems in the homes of old people who are vulnerable and at risk.

4. 189,000 old people cannot get in and out of bed unaided. 695,000 can't cope with stairs. 757,000 can't bath or shower without help. 1.056,000 can't walk unassisted.

Help the Aged is funding day hospitals where old people can recover their independence and confidence, after illness or injury.

5. Last year, 571 old people died in their homes from hypothermia. This year, the figure will be much higher.

Besides campaigning for better heating subsidies and better pensions, the day centres we support provide warmth and a hot meal, for some old people their only regular hot meal.

6. 500,000 dwellings - nearly half of our most appalling housing - is inhabited by old people; who are least able to cope. Help the Aged is campaigning for better housing provision for old people, both in the public and private

sectors, because old people aren't "them", they're one in five of us. 7. Winston Churchill was 64 when he became Prime Minister. Michelangelo was 71 when he started work on the Sistine Chapel. A reminder that being 60+ can be the beginning, not the end of a lifetime's achievements.

8. In 1965, 448 centenarians received a congratulatory telegram from the Queen. In 1985, the figure was 1,819.

Between 1981 and 2001, the number of people aged over 75 will increase from 3.1 million to 4.1 million. More and more of us are going to live to be old. Yet what is in store for us if we let things ride?

9. Nearly two million old people depend upon supplementary benefit. Put another way, that's one in five pensioners.

10. These facts paint a grim picture of what it can mean to be old in Britain today. Help the Aged is dedicated to improving this situation by campaigning for better pensions and heating allowances. Funding Day Centres, Day Hospitals and Hospices. Providing emergency alarm systems and minibuses. To find out more about our work, or if you would like to make a donation, please write to: John Mayo OBE, Director-General, Help the Aged, Freepost, St. James's Walk, London ECIB IBD.

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Waiting for Gadaffi

A British delegation of 16 political activists joined some 700 foreigners — including Louis Farrakhan, the US black separatist at a recent 'anti-imperialist' seminar in Tripoli, Paul Barker, who attended a similar conference, slipped away from the arena and discovered an outpost of the revolution

Going to conferences with Colonel Gadaffi isn't all beer and skittles. It's more like a permanent diet of

The British group, from Brixton and elsewhere, may not have learns to love Libya all that well during their widely-reported con-ference. Certainly not if my own experience at a similar shindig is anything to go by. I was never so glad to get out of a country in my life. Waiting for the colonel, and ending up under arrest, wasn't

The invitation turned up one day, without forewarning, in the office post. Would I, as editor of New Society, like to be a guest of the revolutionary government at a conference against racism and Zionism?

This was when the diatribes against Israeli racism had just got into full flow at such talking shops as the United Nations. The invitation put me on the spot. I felt very unsympathetic towards the line being put about by Arab diplo-mats. On top of that, some nasty anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Zionism, was beginning to surface from the Left — in British university student unions. I didn't want to find myself used to endorse all this. I didn't endorse it,

But I was conscious that all the reporting of the Arab case came from sources who were, at that time, almost unequivocally bos-tile. Wasn't it better to give the other side a chance to put their own case in their own voice?

My balancing act stopped when I got a guest-list and it showed, among others, Maxime Rodinson

— the distinguished French antiZionist, and himself a Jew. If he can go, I thought, then I can. I rang the People's Bureau to accept. The bureau - then in Kensington hadn't yet started shooting people in the street. It was simply the most chaotic office I'd come across. Democracy at work, no

Rodinson never did come to the conference, bul there was a reasonable sprinkling of "respectable" guests, including various English academics and journalists. So I felt some justification by solidarity.

We were put up in Tripoli's best holel, and the passionfruit juice began. As a good Muslim state, Libya was "dry". It also seemed to have exported all its cbefs. We had passionfruit juice and lamb stew it, I saw why the harbour was now all day every day. This is, ooloriously, not the best way to woo journalists, or even academics.

The conference was in a vast super-cinema. We sat there, day in and day out, while Arab speaker after Arab speaker gol on to the stage and delivered high-flown up with breeze-block, I noticed as

assaults against Israel. There was no break, no counter-arguments, no points from the floor. It might have been unwise to argue back, even if you could, given the storm of fraternal applause that greeted every rhetorical flourish.

Along with Israel, the speakers linked South Africa and Iran (this was before the Shah fell) into one huge anti-Arah conspiracy. It was all the doing of the CIA and the Jews of Johannesburg, in un-Koranic alliance.

We shook our heads about all this, over the lamb stew and passionfruit juice - and waited for Gadaffi. Every day be was supposed to be coming to address us. Every day, the epiphany was postponed. And the unsuccessful brainwashing went on.

I decided I would get something enjoyable out of coming to Lihya. even if I wasn't getting anything useful. Further down the coast lay the hig Roman site of Leptis Magna - an imperial port now dried up and in ruins. I would play bookey from the super-cinema and go there. I found the only hire car in Tripoli and finally, on the last morning of the conference, set off. Gadaffi was still expected hourly, so the only other conference-goer I could tempt to come with me was a young researcher from St Antony's College, Oxford. Under blazing sun and over beavily rotted roads, we bounced off towards Leptis.

Al the gateway to the site, an attendant sleepily sold me a guidebook to the ruins, written in a sort of English. The frontispiece was torn out, but you could work out that it had been a photograph of King Idris — the ruler the British left behind them after their brief post-war mandate. Gadaffi had overturned Idris's regime, but had kept the guidebooks. Frugal

Leptis was the most impressive classical ruin I had seen. Columns and friezes were scattered over the dry land, with the Mediterranean as blue as a postcard in the background.

But it was very hot. Time, really, for a mid-afternoon siesta. My colleague decided to call it a day in the shade of a thorn-bush to have a doze. This culture-vulture strode on, guidebook in hand, determined to see the dwindled wadi where the old Roman port As I came down the hill towards

useless. There was a sand bar across the street. On the other side stood a small temple - all as the map in the guidebook showed. I decided to walk over the sand bar

to look at it before going back.
The temple seemed to be shored



got nearer. Really, I thought, these archaeologists are vandals: they should be more careful with their restoration work. But everything became clearer when I stepped off the sand bar on to the other shore. A man came out from the temple with an automatic rifle in what looked like British armyissue uniform. He pointed at me and shouted what I immediately translated as "Halt."

I halted. Another soldier came out from the temple huckling on his British-style belt. This was the sergeant. Both he and sentry seemed very cross - and not just because I'd interrupted their siesta. They took my guidebook.

Because it was so hot, I lhought I'd rather stand in the shade of the temple. But the rifle waved ominously when I tried to budge, Eventually I negotiated the move with the sergeant in sign language. He left me under guard and

went back into the temple. I heard him on the field telephone. In due course, the captain drove up. He had a few words of English. They had now found my companion and were guarding him by the thorn-bush. Back to the field telephone, and

at last another pick-up truck. A sleepy surgeon had been roused from his siesta. He spoke English and was friendly, but wary. I said we were guests of the government at the Tripoli conference. He said that, fortunately, the captain had

newspaper and was impressed. It was a good thing we had no cameras, and no guns; otherwise there would be no alternative to arrest. We were in a military zone. We had to have a strong story to persuade them to let us go. I convinced them I had got the map at the front office. It was too old to show the military zone, and no, I hadn't seen the notice further up the wadi. I over-explained my feeling for classical ruins. Eventually the captain looked convinced

and took to the telephone. We were shepherded back to the gateway to my Volkswagen, and we sel off back to Tripoli. I drove as fast as I could - though the road was full of tomato lorries, delivering loads to the canning factories. I hoped we wouldn't be missed.

I parked behind the super-cinema. It was the end of the afternoon. There was a gaggle of delegates and officials in the lobby as we went in Gadaffi was coming! We hadn't even lost out on this. He followed us into the lobby — a film star of the revolution. He was bright and slim in a safari suit. He was like the lead in The Desert Song. The fraternal delegates clustered round him like autograph-hunters. Libya had money to spend, after all, on all kinds of activities. Perhaps now

But he broke away, plunged up the aisle - and then stopped short read about the conference in the of the stage. He sat down in the

As a good democrat, the colonel was only waiting to be sure he was wanted. He was, they assured him

There was no break, no points from the floor. It might have been unwise to answer back'

froot row of the stalls. The welcoming party on the platform were visibly flustered. But as a good democrat, the colonel was only waiting to be sure he was wanted. He was, they assured him. No move. They assured him again - and this time he climbed the steps, look the microphone, and

spoke.
The speech was the mixture as before - though less verbose and il embodied Gadaffi's vision of peace. A peace without Israel. Iran, the CIA, South Africa, international capitalism: all got featured billing once more.

The colooel went even more rapidly than be'd come. Down the aisle and out to the official limousine. His fans crowded round for a last farewell.

We English delegates mean-while had realized that the fact that we had got only an outwardbound ticket might be no mere formality. We had had to ask after return tickets every evening following the lamb and passionfruit juice — from the small surly officials. (One of the odd things about Libyans, I no-

ticed, was that they were a very agreeable people — until they got into a uniform.) We began to worry whether we'd ever be allowed to leave. We got the tickets at the very last minute. At the ramshackle, overcrowded airport, the same palaver of Third World official-dom continued. We might be a party of government guests, but all

the minutiae of visa-checking, ticket-checking and the rest would

still be done as slowly and insufferably as possible. It was boiling bot. There was, of course, The plane, when we got on it, was British Caledonian. We fell up the steps in our haste to leave Libyan soil. It was a delight to see the homely stewardesses in those silly tartan outfits - uniforms not taken seriously. There was a huge feeling of relief. No more brainwashing, no more Libyan officials; and in my case, no more Libyan

arrests: The drinking began. Most of the men who were on the plane with us were from the oilfields out in Paul Barker was Editor of New

was from Ulster. He was doing a stim to earn enough money to get out of Northern Ireland because he thought he wouldn't be able to sell his house in the Belfast suburbs for very much. He was scathing about Libyan petty officialdom in the desert too.

It struck me that the atmosphere in the plane reminded me of something. Especially with those tartan stewardesses, and the drink, it was just like a football coach (old-style). There was an overwhelming air of friendliness and escape.

No conference, we agreed among ourselves, could have been more counter-productive. No one's mind had been swung towards the Arab line on Zionism as racism. And then there was all that obvious conspiracy-theory about Iran, the CIA, and South Africa! But at least I'd been to Libya, and heard the case I'd gone to hear. And I'd seen Leptis.

The only thing is that, as time passed, and the Shah fell, and Israel's policies on the West Bank hardened, and the Lebanon invasion was launched, I began to much of what those Arab delegates had been saying - in their unacceptably doctrinaire and thetorical way - was right.

○ Times Newspepers, 1986;

the desert. The man next to me Society from 1968 until this year.

A watchful eye on the neighbourhood

How far should untrained people be allowed

to go in defence of their communities? Peter Evans and Alan Franks examine the

growth of urban vigilante groups and their often uneasy relations with the police

f the British remain true to their reputation and continue to follow the American precedent, it will oot be long before we have our own Bernhardt Goetz - the 38year-old New Yorker who achieved fleeting status as a national hero after shooting four would-be muggers on the

city's subway 18 months ago. In England, even though the very word vigilante remains effectively outlawed by a police force fearful of having its powers undermined by untrained and partisan elements of society, there is growing evidence of the spread of informal militias patrolling inner city streets to protect the property and personal safety of ethnic minorities.

Their actions are not restricted to the deterrence of racist crime. In the Birmingham suburb of Moseley, for example, residents have taken to the streets to drive away a plague of prostitutes and kerb crawlers. Mr Sean Wheatley, chairman of the North Moseley Action Group, is adamant that the function of his members is pre-emptive

rather than retaliatory.

It is a community beset by problems of schoolgirls "on the game". Part of the trouble is that some prostitutes in the nearby suburb of Balsall Heath allegedly dress in school uniform to attract the 'kinky" end of the market, with the result that bona fide schnolgirls, some of whom are no more than 11 years old, find themselves at risk.

One girl, Nahide Emin, now

accosted by a kerb crawler. "Men in suits and posh cars have approached me more often than common men in old cars", she says."

Some members of the action group have been attacked while on duty, apparently by men arriving to protect the prostitutes. On one occasion Mr Wheatley needed hospital treatment after his eye had been blackened and his glasses broken by one such assailant. "We realized when we embarked on this that it was fraught with a certain amount of danger", he admits. "We were interfering with a trade that involved a lot of money."

here is now a breed of vigilante not content merely to inform on the offender but prepared to dispense ready justice on the spot. Yet the forces against which they are ranged are huge indeed. Last year one prostitute admitted to earning £35,000 a year.

When The Times accompanied the Moseley group oo night patrol, 35 residents turned out. Earlier in the evening members had moved two prostitutes on and by the time we made our tour the streets were almost deserted.

Mr Wheatley cited this as proof of the group's effectiveness. A few years ago, he maintained, his vigilantes had logged 1,700 kerb crawlers between the hours of 9 and

Police forces complain that patrols can hamper their work



On patrol: the Pakistan Welfare Society in east London

"There is little point in officers being there because their observations are impedeo". On the other hand, the very existence of a critical, aod often highly vocal, band of neighbours raises the public profile of the offences in In April last year a special police squad in Balsall Heath

and Moseley was increased from eight men to 16 and police reckon that since then the number of prostitutes soliciting in the area has dropped from 100 to 50. At the same time, the oumber of arrests has inevitably risen: 167 in January alone com-pared with one seventh that figure 12 months previously. The police point out that although such statistics may give the impression of greater lawlessness, they are in fact proof of better surveillance.

In Walthamstow, east London, part of the community faces a sterner menace - racial Pakistan Welfare Society, esaged 16, claims it was five — in the words of local sentially another vigilante years ago that she was first superintendent David Blagg: group, estimates that there

immigrant homes in the Walthamstow and Leyton areas since 1979.

Il the attacks follow a common pattern - in-cendiary devices put through the letter box. The worst occurred in 1981 when four people died in a blaze.

Dr Zafar Malik, presideotof the society, which can muster up to 100 volunteers on any given evening, insists it is composed of mature, family people whose intention is never to take the law into their own hands. "Their presence is a deterrent. A patrol once came across a couple of skinheads attacking an elderly Asian lady with racialist taunts. The patrol told them to behave and they withdrew".

That, however, begs the question of what might have happened had the skinheads not withdrawn, "I don't object to groups being formed provided they understand the guidelines within which they should work", says deputy

charge of the force for the area first reflected, and then futhat includes Waltham Forest. elled, by films like the Death "If they have formed an Wish series and Star Chamorganization to look after the ber. It has also acquired a aged and the sick who might measure of unashamed glambe victims of attacks, that falls our with freelance groups like within the concept of Neigh- the self-christened Magnifiagainst vigilantes.

Neighbourhood Watch is to a programme of surveil- Brooklyn and the Bronx. lance, under the guidance of the police and in which the citizens become the force's auxiliary eyes and ears. This has proved so popular that there are now 3,770 watches in London's Metropolitan Police area alone. If anything is guaranteed to raise the hackles of a police spokesman, it is to confuse vigilantes with Neigh-

bourhood Watches.

Yet there are creatures who occupy the middle ground between the two. For example, the hlessing of the seriously overstretched police force. who in January were paid a total of £167,000 by the Manpower Services Commission to clean up the vandal-ridden villages of Poulton and Fernhead in Cheshire. Even though their role was limited to keeping their eyes open and reporting anything suspicious, it was hard to refute the definition of vigilantes as they donned their second-hand po-lice uniforms and zoomed off on their night beat in radio-equipped Metros.

On that occasion it was not the police who objected hat the Labour MP for Walsall, George Bruce. "An appalling development" was his verdict. People are taking the law into their own hands without the no powers", he emphabenefit of the training given to sizes. No more that the ordipolice." The objections go nary citizen. The patrol beyond the mere charge of members tend to he at least 19 amateurishness, for as these years old, but in the main they groups become more numer- are older than that. You see, if ous there is a growing feeling you were to send out 'virgins', that society should not allow there would always be the itself to be policed on the danger that they could actual-

assistant commissioner Mi-chael Richards, who is in well established fad. It was cent 13, who managed to Neighbourhood Watch is "Muggers' Express," the the name given by the police Number 4 IRT train between

> Such a thing has yet to happen here but we are getting there by degrees. driver opened a one-man security business in the small Norfolk market town of Watton, charging High Street premises £3.65 for a regular inspection of their premises in the wake of a spate of burglaries. In that case, however, he won not only the approval but

The town of Ellesmere Port has a 74-strong patrol with a fleet of seven cars. Based at the Royal British Legion Training Centre and also funded by the MSC, it provides work for a number of the young, long-term unemployed of the town, at a wage of about £16 for an eight-hour shift. They patrol the schools, municipal build-ince ings, halls and community centres of Ellesmere Port and neighbouring Neston, often giving police an early warning of anything suspicious.

Joe Clowes, who manages the centre, is as sensitive as Scotland Yard is about the "vigilante" tag. "They have ly attract trouble."

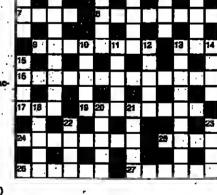
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Our relationship has turned round. Sometimes mother calls me Mum'

Jean Wyatt is one of the many married people who are now learning how to live with their elderly parents. Sally Brompton reports

aring for an ageing mother or father when you have a family of your own is the ultimate test of what is possibly the most complicated of human rela-

fionships Indeed, taking in a widowed and often ailing parent is frequently the biggest and hardest decision in many couples' married lives. And it can be as much of a problem for the parents, forced to adjust to their own loss of independence and the inevitable role reversal.

When married women give up work to care for disabled parents, the European Commission be-lieves they should get an invalid care allowance, as married men already do. But the commission's decision merely highlights one aspect of the problem.

Money can buy a respite but it can't case a difficult relationship", says Jill Pitkeathley, newly-ap-pointed director of the National Council for Carers and their Elderly Dependants.

"Most married couples who decide to care for an ageing parent have no idea of the kind of suresses it is going to put on their own

"Apart from the sheer physical and practical strain, there is also the emotional strain of having to Church minister has devoted herlook after your querulous and self to providing that care. "I'd demanding mother as well as already given up my job as a school keeping a good relationship going secretary"; says Jean, who has four ing and distributing business. She to invite his father-in-law, Wilfred married children, for lunch.

with your husband and maybe your teenage children. The competition for carers' time is tremendous."

The main difficulty confronting the children of the elderly is that acceptable alternatives to looking after them themselves are few and expensive: Most people are reluc-tant to institutionalize parents and, in fact, only 5 per cent of Britain's elderly are currently in institutions.

Granny flats can offer a satisfactory solution to those who can afford them. Sheltered housing is also growing popular — both pri-vate and local authority funded providing the privacy of individual apartments with shared communal facilities, alarm systems and resident wardens.

Barratt, whose 11 retirement developments offer one and twobedroom apartments ranging in price from £26,000 to £70,000, say

they are selling well.

Jill Pitkeathley believes that the Government should put considerably more money into caring for the elderly in the community. "We need more district nurses, more voluntary services and more respite care where dependants can be taken into a hospital or community ward for a formight to give the carer a rest from them", she says. Even so, she admits that for

every one disastrous case, "you can find eight or nine successes". Clare Pryor always vowed that whatever happened she would never live with her daughter, Jean. When she was forced to do so six years ago, following the death of her son with whom she lived, it

caused traumas all round. "I hadn't wanted her to come and she didn't want to be here and initially it was a big battle", admits Jean Wyatt. "It took us both quite a

while to accept it."

Now 88 and suffering from
Parkinson's disease, Clare Pryor,
widowed as the result of World War I; can do nothing for herself and needs 24-hour care. For the past six years her daughter, married-to John: a United Reformed

grown-up children, "I had no highpowered career to sacrifice. Now this is my job. I'm a carer. I get a This is my life."

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To begin with, however, it was not so clear-cut. Jean had many outside interests - "I was out most of the time", she recalls, "and when mother came it was a completely different life. She kept saying you're keeping me a prisoner and I wanted to say 'you're keeping me

For the first nine months, Jean never left the house apart from a swift weekly visit to the local supermarket. Money was not a problem because, as well as the proceeds from her house, her mother had her widow's pension and her son's pension, "It took me a long time to understand that I could spend my mother's money on nursing", says-Jean.

he now pays an agency nurse to come in every evening to put her mother to bed, the district nurse gets her up and washes her every morning, the NHS's incontinence service delivers and collects week and Jean allows herself the occasional afternoon off.

"Our relationship has turned round. I'm the boss in this house. Sometimes my mother calls me

When Andrew White's mother moved in with him, his wife Pat and their three children aged 22, nine and seven, it was inevitable that clashes would occur,

Kay White was - and still is an active, outspoken and independent widow with a strong mind of her own and a Victorian outlook on life. Pat, now 42, is an easygoing modern-minded mother, determined not to be overpowered in her own home.

That was eight years ago. Today the family agrees that, despite the initial problems, things have more or less worked out." Kay White, now 80, has her own

flat in the Dublin bungalow from which Andrew runs his egg packag-



Full house: John Wyatt with his wife Jean (right) and her mother Clare Pryor

but insists that she does not interfere in their lives. "But what she calls interfering and what we call interfering are two different things", says Andrew ruefully.

To begin with there were what Pat describes as "the usual problems - little things that turn into big things". She found herself continually having to keep the peace between her mother-in-law and her children. Things are better

Pat also got used to her mother-in-law telling her how things should be done. "I'm not the sort of person who jumps up after a meal and washes the dishes immediately", says Pat. "She is."

She finds it harder to accept the way Kay fusses over Andrew — especially after he and Pat have had a row. Andrew agrees, "She still treats me very much like a little boy and it gets oo my nerves." Pat finds that she and her mother-inlaw get on better when Andrew is

Unable to leave Kay alone in the house, Pat and Andrew last year took separate holidays - Pat in Spain with her sister, Andrew in London with his son. There's a definite strain attached to her living with us", says Pat. "You're very conscious of the fact that she there all the time. We didn't really think about the reality of it beforehand and if we had I don't think we would have gone ahead."

Janes, to live with him and his wife, Anne. "I don't think I would have dared to suggest it myself". Anne admits. "It isn't easy to do if

it's your parent. Her mother had died six months earlier and it was obvious to Keith and Anne, both in their early 50s, that her father would not be able to cope on his own despite being in reasonably good health; his Parkinson's disease, arthritis and cataracts are all mild.

Their own house was not large enough to allow them all sufficient independence, so they changed it for a three-bedroomed bungalow near Stratford-upon-Avon with a four-car garage which they convert-ed into a self-contained flat for less than £20,000.

"I think we are very very lucky", agrees Anne, whose husband runs his own small printing business. "It works well because father can be separate without being isolated, And he's very good if we have any expenses - he always insists on paying his share."

ow 87, Wilfred spends his days pottering around his new home with its own patio. He prepares his own break-fast and lunch, operates his own washing machine and grows tomatoes and runner beans.

His daughter does his shopping and takes him a cooked meal every evening and on Sundays he joinsAn an only daughter, Elsie Evans was delighted when her husband Ronald first suggested that her mother, who is now almost 93. should move closer to them after she was widowed five years ago. After four years sharing their

four-bedroomed house in Winchmore Hill, north London, neither Elsie nor Ronald would claim that it has been anything other than a disaster. The worst thing is the lack of freedom", says Elsie, who is 65.

She hates us going out and always wants to know what time we'll be back. It's just like being a child "We can't go and stay with our friends because we can't leave her

alone. Every time we go away we have to put her in an old people's home which costs more than £200 The fact that Ronald is due to

retire from his job as a chartered quantity surveyor later this year worries them both. "I don't know what will happen then". Elsie says

"It's a question of loyalties", says Ronald. "To me she's a mother-in-law but to Elsie she's a mother and sometimes I feel they're like two peas in a pod. It would be all right if she would hang about in her own room but you can't expect her to do that and everywhere I go I trip over her. "We've got to get the NHS to-help us to get some facility ar-

ranged to get her out of the house. Otherwise I could be dead before

TALKBACK

No hard graft

From Mrs Kathy Ridges, East Sussex

Your series "Like mother, like daugher" (Spectrum, March 25) brings to mind some curious twists. To be fair, the women's liberation movement, when it was go-ing, always claimed that women's liberation was men's liberation too. The daydream of Ms Alice Scott, I had this really romantic picture of me sitting in a big garden and my husband coming home from work ..." may fall upon liberated male ears: he might suggest she does the grafting while he sits in the

From Maureen Green Rosendale Road, Dulwich,

London SE21 Bel Mooney's repetition of the alarmist and inaccurate notion that "poor mothers mean violent and disruptive boy children" is unfortunate. Research backs folk wisdom in suggesting it is poor fathers who impede the growth towards social cooperation of their sons.

The decline of the fathe role which I outlined in *Goodbye Fathe*r (Routledge) has produced a situation where just under two million children live in one-parent families and many more in families where father is only a material asset. The problem is self-perpetuating: the poor-ly fathered have difficulty in working out what a father is for when they come to the experience themselves.

From R. Le Grove, Manor Gardens,

Saxmundham, Suffolk Sheila Lady Bernard and Mary C. Smith are both too sweeping in their criticisms of Patricia Clough's "Love Begins at 60" (Friday Page, March 7). If there is a spark of love which can be kept alive by genuine effort, fair mough, but supposing true ove was absent from the

start? Couples who stay together in a wasteland of existence to see their offspring safely into adulthood have already shown many years of unselfish fortitude and courage. Why condemn them if, when their responsibilities are at last at an end, they try to snatch what little happiness might yet remain to them?

Royal homes for the favoured few

Inside Britain's

palaces, a small,

privileged group

of tenants are living rent-free by royal consent

Hidden in the depths of Britain's royal palaces, up the back stairs where the public never go, are a total of 120 highly desirable residences free of rent and with views that are, to say the least, privileged. They range from 35-room palace wings to two-roomed apartments, and they are highly sought after, but they will not be found on any estate agent's books.

Grace and favour res are what the name implies; who lives in them is the decision of the Queen, and she can nominate whoever she wishes as tenants. Those favoured with the royal grace

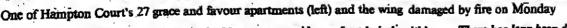
There are 27 flats at Hampton Court, 20 in St James's Palace, 13 at Kensington Palace, a small number at Backingham Palace and Windson Castle, and the rest scattered throughout the country, including one in the New Town of Edinburgh given to the Queen by the city council at the time of her Coronation.

The greatest concentration of top-line grace and favour. residences is in Kensington Palace, home to the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael

One of the largest is a ection of St James's Palace known as York House, occu-







pied by Lord Kitchener during the First World War, and by the Duke of Windsor, both as Prince of Wales and for most of his brief reign as Edward VIII. It is now the London home of the Duke and Duckess of Kent, who at weekends can escape to their other grace and favour home, Anmer Hali on the royal estate at

Demand for residences is great, and likely to increase. In the coming months a home will have to be found for the married Prince Andrew, who

currently lives with his parents in Buckingham Palace. And Prince Edward and the Princes William and Harry will all be looking for homes in

Most grace and favour residences, however, are much more modest and are not occupied by the Queen's immediate family. Tenants are generally retired or sometimes still active members of the royal household or, as in the case of the ill-fated flat at Hampton Court, retired senior officers from the services. There are several splendid

residences for admirals within Wren's Royal Naval College Among the clusters of grace and favour residences, those at

Hampton Court are something of a special case. Traditionally, they have been occupied by retired officers or their widows rather than personal friends of the Queen; since 1972 no new tenants have been taken in at Hampton Court and those remaining are all elderly. Unusually, a number of the Hampton Court flats lie

et about the suitability of such odation for the very elderly, and a recent study of the problem has even raised the possibility of the Hampton Court apartments being let

Although a daily housekeeper looks after the grace and favour residents, there is a growing feeling that such occupants would be much better off in accommodation tailor-made for the elderly. And living in them is not necessarily as cheap as it appears for those on a pension; although they

Repairs carried out with public funds

live rest-free, they still have to pay for electricity and heating at normal rates. Grace and favour flats have

often been put at the disposal of the royal family's more distant relations, a great many of whom seem to have suffered upheaval and dispossession in their own lands. The Duke of Edinburgh's mother, Princess with her husband from Greec in 1922, took holy orders and lived most of her old age as a virtual recluse in a flat in she died in 1969, an almost

orgotten figure. It is reasonable to assu that prospective tenants have they have nowhere else to live, or are in reduced circumstances. Having won the royal favour they can expect to occupy the apartment for the rest of their lives. There is no rent, and as they are generally parts of royal palaces, which sential repairs are carried out with public funds from the Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency. In a typical year the agency will spend about £5

million on maintenance of the royal palaces, considerably more if major works are to be carried out. Care of the apartment's interior and any redecoration

is normally the responsibility of the occupant, but Backingham Palace points out discreetly that each tenancy is an individual, private agreement between tenant and monarch.

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Batting for Britain

Fearing, I suspect, a diplomatic

incident, Trade and Iodustry Minister Geoffrey Pattie and the British High Commissioner in Barbados, Sir Giles Bullard, have become involved in the Graham Gooch apartheid controversy. Gooch is threatening to pull out of the fifth Test in Antigua later this month unless Lester Bird, the island's deputy leader, withdraws the allegation that Gooch was contemptuous of the Caribbean public" by captaining a rebel England party to South Africa in 1982. The present tour came near to collapse last week when Gooch threatened to issue a statement denouncing Bird. His team mates tried fruitlessly to appease him. Diplomacy beckoned, and a compromise was concocted at a dinner hosted by Sir Giles and attended by Peter May, chairman of selectors, and the visiting Pattie. They agreed that May should carry back to Lord's a private letter from Gooch; it was duly presented yesterday to the Test and County Cricket Board chairman, Raman Subba Row. Although the contents are confidential, I understand Gooch attacks Bird and asks to be excused from playing in Antigua. Whether this will lead to a rapprochement I know not; but

Riding high

Now that the General Motors deal is off, the Land Rover-sponsored Captain Mark Phillips will be saved the embarrassment of passing round a begging bowl at the Badminton horse trials next week. A BL spokesman told me that, the awful prospect of Phillips riding under the colours of the Stars and Stripes having receded, a new contract had been signed to cover the next two years' equestrian

it's a lot more exciting than England's cricket.

• Extract from the Hungarian visa application form: "Name ... First name . . . Maiden name . . . Occupation . . . For important in-formation see backside."

Exclusive

"It has been my ambition", writes Donald Flory, "since I started the St George's Church, Cambridge, parish newspaper 23 years ago, to have a mention io the *Times* Diary." At last, he says, he has a scoop. During a meeting of the St George's Over-60s Club the other day, Prince Edward popped io unannounced to compere an impromptu song and dance act. "As well as showing his dramatic and singing talents, he drew the Club's raffle" before the pensioners sat

BARRY FANTONI



'It's taken 100 years, comrade, but we've finally caught np'

Self-help

Liberals in Liverpool are spitting blood over a stall that has appeared on successive Saturdays in the city centre appealing for donations to help Labour councillors take their case against surcharge to the House of Lords. Permission for the stall was granted by the licensing com-mittee's chairman and deputy who face surcharge and legal fees already standing at more than £6,000 each. Richard Pine, deputy leader of the Liberal opposition, complains: "This appears a blatant breach of the rule that you should not vote on a matter in which you have a pecuniary interest." Roy Swainson, for the city solicitor, says that declaring an interest is a matter for individual members but decisions can be challenged by other councillors. They certainly will be.

Not so free

Boyd Black, the Democratic Rights for Northern Ireland candidate, has been accused of causing great "embarrassment" to the Labour-affiliated Fabian Society. of which he is a prominent member, by standing in the Fulham by-election. Black who is fighting on the licket of freedom for citizens to vote for the three main UK parties, was told in writing hy the Fabians' general secretary. John Willman: "This would debar you from membership of the Labour Party if you lived on the mainland, and thus you could no longer be a full member of the Society." Willman tells me rules are rules. Black, who firmly believes Labour would have much to gain by recognizing have much to gain by recognizing Northern Ireland, said: "This is blatant hypocrisy, as was shown when Kinnock visited the Belfast shipyards recently. He told workers he was there to show that there were no no-go areas in Northern Ireland. The mob hurled stones, and Kinnock had to be escorted out by the police."

When the jury should be out

The City of London's reputation for financial integrity has been seriously damaged by recent scandals. There is widespread public suspicion of more cases of fraud lying undiscovered or unreported. A legal expert urges the government to embrace the Roskill proposal on trial by tribunal of complex fraud cases A popular conception is gaining

easily encompass the case.

ground that the greater the fraud Here, the committee said, there and the richer its perpetrator, the more likely he is to escape justice.
Urgent remedies are needed.
The government has promised them. The Financial Services Bill, designed to regulate City dealing should no longer be trial by jury. Instead the case should be tried by a special fraud trials tribunal, consisting of a judge and two lay members with business skills and practices, is only a beginning. More changes are in the offing. The report of the Fraud Trials experience of complex trans-actions. An application for a particular case to be heard by the tribunal would be made to a High Committe under the chairman-Court judge, and there would be a right of appeal. ship of Lord Roskill, published earlier this year, made numerous sensible recommendations for re-Only fraud cases falling within form of the system of investiga-

certain guidelines would be eli-gible for this mode of trial. These would be those involving a series of inter-related transactions, usually in a market offering highly specialized services, or in areas of high finance involving manipula-tion of the ownership of companies, for example.

The Roskill report points out

that the complexity of such cases lies in the fact that markets or areas of business operate according to concepts which bear no obvious similarity to anything in the general experience of most members of the public, and are governed by rules and conducted in a language learned only after prolonged study by participants. The primary reason for this

proposal is that a jury hearing a complex fraud case is highly unlikely to understand it. Roskill commissioned research which confirmed the common sense of this. The upshot is a real risk of a miscarriage of justice. Bewildered jurors may acquit a defendant because they have not understood the evidence or, worse, they may convict him because they have misunderstood it or have simply applied the "no smoke without fire" maxim.

The requirement of jury trial for this type of case also acts as a disincentive to prosecution. Roskill found that the difficulties of explaining the full complexities of some cases to a jury was sometimes a major contributory factor in deciding not to proceed with a prosecution, or in deciding to opt for less serious charges than the facts warranted. In this way the

continued existence of a jury trial for particularly complicated fraud cases may actually assist wrong-doers to defeat justice.

The fraud trials tribunal would bring defendants one benefit not at present available. Jury verdicts are inscrutable - we do not know the process by which jurors reach their verdicts. There can be no appeal against jury verdicts ex-cept on the grounds of misdirec-tion by the judge. The tribunal would give reasons for its judg-ment; the defendant would know why it had decided in the way it had and so would be better placed to appeal, should the reasoning be defective or unsatisfactory.

Some people will say the substitution of tribunals for juries is the thin end of the wedge. Not so. There are special factors which operate in this narrow sphere of the criminal law which have no parallel elsewhere and make trial by jury a particularly unsuitable method of determining guilt.

Some fraud cases are simply too difficult for ordinary people to understand. The government should muster its courage and include this reform in the Criminal Justice Bill.

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Nicholas Ashford on Hong Kong reservations about political reform

Don't rock the sampan

Although it is still I l years before Hong Kong is returned to China, Peking is increasingly making its presence felt among the territory's 5.5 million people. Increasingly Hong Kong businessmen are turning their eyes towards China's huge and still largely untapped market which they hope will keep Hong Kong booming long after the Union Jack is lowered.

tion, prosecution and trial of

complex fraud cases. The govern-ment is committed to implement-

ing many of these in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Bill. It still has to make up its mind,

however, on Lord Roskill's single

most controversial recommenda-

tion. His committee accepted that

trial by jury should continue for

the great majority of fraud cases.

But in a few cases the evidence is

so complex and the alleged dis-honesty so deeply buried that even

trained business mind cannot

In public, most claim to be looking forward to July 1 1997. when Hong Kong becomes a special administrative region of China; privately, many are acquiring Canadian passports and stasbing funk money overseas in case

the transfer goes wrong.

The general feeling is that China is on an irreversible path of economic reform which will survive the death of the octogenarian Deng Xiaoping and that Peking intends Hong Kong to play a central role in the country's economic modernization programme. "China wants Hong Kong to remain a bastion of

capitalism", is a common refrain. Some of the territory's Chineseanguage newspapers have already begun bowing in the breezes emanating from Peking. No direct pressure has been applied, but the more prominent newspapers often refer to the need to "accommodate" Peking's poiots of view and to be "responsible" in any criticism they make of China.

It is left to the English-language press, notably the Far East Economic Review, to play the role of watchdog during the snail's-pace talks between the Chinese and the British on implementation of the 1984 agreement on the transfer of is directed at Britain which is accused, often unfairly, of being insufficiently resolute in the defence of Hong Kong's interests.

Many of Hong Kong's ap-pointed or indirectly elected political leaders have also begun subtly to sbift their ground. Last year many of them were pressing for political reforms which would have involved a substantial number of seats in the advisory Legislative Council being filled by direct elections by the 1.35 million registered voters.

China was apprehensive and said so publicly when two senior officials warned of the "misfortune" and "chaos" that political reforms might bring. These warning shots have slowed attempis to introduce democracy in a colony which has been run as a benevolent dictatorship for the past 140 years.

Last summer the government promised a review of public

support for university and college

students. It was postponed. Then

it went ahead in secret. Now the review is not to be published. Its

main proposal – a mixed grant and loan scheme – has been re-

jected as politically unpalatable.

Instead, student grants are to go on shrinking. The 2 per cent increase in 1986/87 is well below

official estimates of inflation. This

will further reduce the real value

of grants, which has fallen by 14

per cent since 1979. Students will

also have their eligibility for

welfare benefits cut as a result of

the government's proposed social

Despite the opposition to stu-

dent loans, that in fact is what we

already have - albeit, as George

Walden, the junior minister responsible for higher education.

has admitted, via the back door.

Grants are cut, so more students

are forced to apply for overdrafts. But, Walden says, these are noth-

ing to do with the government. They are private transactions between banks and customers and

it is up to students and their

families to make sure they can be

The choice therefore lies be-

tween loans that are haphazard

(and open only to families who can convince bank managers they

are a good risk) and a properly

regulated student loan programme open to all. In the United States.

Canada, Wesi Germany, Sweden, Japan and Hong Kong students can borrow, either from commer-

cial banks - as in the US - or a

state loan agency — as in Sweden — with the benefit of a government guarantee and at subsid-

ized rates of interest: in Germany

security changes.

democratically based political system can be set up to prepare for Hong Kong's promised "auton-omy", it is now widely accepted that the pace of change must be slow, controlled and, above all, acceptable to Peking. The perceived need to secure

considered desirable so that a

China's approval for whatever changes are made is under-standable. "After all", Lydia Dunn, the senior unofficial member of the Legislative Council, remarked, "we are only being granted autonomy, not independence." After 1997 Hong Kong will not be able to flout Peking's authority any more than it can London's now.

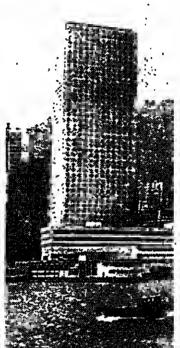
What really matters is whether China will stick to its side of the bargain with Britain that Hong Kong will retain "a high degree of autonomy" after 1997 and will maintaio its existing economic system and way of life for at least the next 50 years.

Most Hong Kong people believe it will, purely for reasons of pragmatic self-interest. China sees Hong Kong as its gateway to the world and needs its deep-water port and huge container facilities to import the machinery necessary for its economic development and to export to a growing list of customers. It also needs Hong Kong's banking and commercial expertise. On both counts, Shanghai cannot even begin to compete.

China wants to inherit a place that is booming, not an empty shell, observed Wong Po-yan, a prominent businessman and one 33 Hong Kong residents sitting on the Chinese-appointed committee drawing up the basic law, which will serve as a miniconstitution.

Even relatively radical mem-bers of the Legislative Council such as Martin Lee and Szeto Wah, head of the teachers union, who have been pressing for faster political reform - accept that China's undertaking to maintain Hong Kong's "prosperity and stability" means preserving its capitalist system.

But China also intends to inherit the island's highly centralized system of government in which all power is vested in the governor (who will be superseded by a Peking-appointed chief executive). It does not want to assume responsibility for a territory riven by feuding political pparties whose budget has been burdened with a costly welfare programme in-



Pillar of capitalism - more important for many than fledgling democracy

tended to satisfy the demands of a newly enfranchised electorate. Seen from Peking, the merits of colonialism far outweigh those of social democracy. It was therefore not altogether surprising that some Chinese leaders regarded Britain's attempts to unpick 140 years of colonial rule by introducing a degree of political reform as part of an underhand plot to maintain British influence. It does not seem to have occurred to them that Britain was responding to a desire by Hong Kong people to have a say in determining their future relationship with Peking.

The warnings by the two Chinese officials about political change caused a frisson of nervousness throughout the colony and led to a sharp drop in share prices. Peking's concern has been allayed for the time being but the question of political reform will require delicate handling over the next few years if new crises of

confidence are to be avoided. The 1984 joint declaration was deliberately vague about the structure of future government in Hong Kong. However, a government white paper in November of that year promised to develop a system of "representative government at the central level which is more directly accountable to the people

of Hong Kong" and held out the prospect of direct elections to the 56-seat Legislative Council.

A government review of the political reform process is to take place next year and is likely to recommend that some members of the Legislative Council be directly elected. How many will depend on the number which Hnng Kong's political and busi-ness establishment believes the Chinese will accept - most likely, only a few.

It is hoped that the reforms recommended by the review will dovetail with the first draft of the basic law, due to be published in 1988. Continuing contacts be-tween British and Chinese officials, together with the existence of a "consultative committee" of Hong Kong residents, should ensure that this convergence is

If it is, then a major obstacle will have been overcome, and it is likely that the final version of the law in 1990 will be broadly acceptable to the people of Hong Kong as well as the British authorities. "But if there is not a covergence between the two", Maria Tam, a British-trained lawyer and member of the Legislative Council, warned, "alarm bells will ring and people will leave," The belief that "convergence is

vital" and can be achieved only with China's consent has produced an air of extreme caution among political leaders. Most talk constantly of the need for "evolution", "gradual change" and "maintaining balance". They recoil at the idea of one-man-onevote or the establishment of could lead to a Communist versus Nationalist Chinese confrontation which the Communists would be bound to win. "We have no tradition of adversarial politics in Hong Kong. We believe in consensus politics," Miss Tam said.

Many people, believing that little can be achieved through political reform, have reverted to what Hong Kong does best —
making money. "I am more
worried by our politicians than I
am by Peking," Ronald Li, chairman of the Stock Exchange. remarked. "If we can accept that China wants to keep Hong Kong prosperous, and recognize the limits of what is politically possible, then we can remain the foremost capitalist city in the world. That's what really

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Maureen Woodhall contrasts British grants with the long-term financing abroad

Try banking on student loans

they are interest-free. Loans are repayable over 10 years in the US and 20 years in Sweden and Germany.

Because of the long repayment period and subsidized interest. none of the loan schemes is selffinancing. But after allowing for interest subsidies and admin-istrative expenses repayments ensure that the cost to public funds is substantially lower than that of a pure grant scheme which Britain, notionally, still has. At the current rate of interest -

which for American students is 8 per cent on guaranteed student loans (GSL) and 4.2 per cent for Swedish students - graduates will evenually repay between a half and two-thirds of the present value of the original amount. This means that loans result in a longterm saving of public funds or. alternatively, enable many more students to receive support for a given outlay. In Sweden, for eligible for loans; in Britain most part-time students get nothing. Critics of student loans, particularly the National Union of Stu-

dents, argue that working-class

students would be discouraged

from higher education if they

faced a long period of debt. But in

Sweden students from low-income families are not deterred. They know that if they are unemployed or their earnings fall below a minimum level they can postpone repayment, as 8 per cent of loan graduates did in 1984-85. A loans scheme need not deter

women, who might fear that repayments would be a sort of negative dowry if they married. In Sweden, women can postpone repayments if they are not work-ing. In cases of serious illness or disability, loans are written off.

When loans were first in-troduced in the US, sceptics doubted wbether students would be willing to borrow to finance tuition fees and living expenses But in 1984-85 more than four million students financed their higher education through loans. borrowing a total of \$8.5 billion.

Most students borrow through the GSL programme. This operates through commercial banks, backed hy state guarantee agencies and federal government interest subsidies. Students from lowincome families can borrow at 5 per cent. There is an unsubsidized hut centrally organized loans scheme for higher-income families. The idea of self-help is central to the American higher

education system and in 1984-85 52 per cent of all financial aid to students was in the form of loans. with work-study opportunities providing 4 per cent.

Despite the increasing popularity of student loans abroad there is

still strong resistance in Britain. Student loans are one educational subject on which Labour and the government appear to be agreed. One reason is that they do not offer any hope of quick savings. A long repayment period and subsidized interest means that substantial savings would be slow to materialize - probably at least 10 years. However, in its review of social security the Government has shown its concern over longterm as well as short-term costs. The same view should be taken

The NUS questions whether there would be any savings, arguing that loans would be expensive to administer, with a bigh likelihood of default. In the US, however, the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance, which reviewed the GSL programme in 1983, found that loans are far more costeffective than grants, because every dollar spent by the federal government generates at least two dollars of financial aid to students. Default rates on GLS loans are no higher than on many other fed-

erally-insured loan programmes. A combination of loans and grants would be fairer than the present British system. This transfers income from taxpayers who have not had the benefit of higher education to those who are likely to enjoy higher-than-average earnings after they graduate.

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Danny Finkelstein

Beating off the backlash

Norman Tebbit is not a consensus and 1960s were dismissed in politician. Ignoring the pleas of more restrained colleagues, he considers the framing and delivery of gratuituous insults to be an intellectual challenge. He has not as a result, won a great deal of affection from members on the Opposition benches and he cannot Inok to those benches to provide him with much support should he

ever need it.

Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, is an exception, however. She has recently introduced a bill into the House of Commons which would ban the printing of "page three girls" in the tabloid press. She would no more publicly announce admiration for Norman Tebbit than Denis Healey would pri-vately for Neil Kinnock. Never-theless her bill is entirely in the spirit of Tebbit's recent lecture.

Tebbit's theme was, as one might perhaps expect, simple. The social reforms and liberalization of the 1960s has led to breakdowns in authority in family life, and in respect for the law. The recent spate of violent crime is not an expression of anger at social deprivation or an outbreak of inexplicable evil; it is the fault of Roy Jenkins, whose tenure at the Home Office, Tebbit argued, ushered in the "permissive society" which increased social insecurity, lack of discipline and, therefore, violence and crime.

Clare Short agrees with an important part of this analysis. As a committed feminist she believes that degrading pictures of half-naked women in national newspapers encourage sexual attacks on women. "Less permissiveness" would mean less crime.

Ms Short is not alone in accepting this central tenet of Tebbit's argument and her bill is not the only assault on "permissiveness" to have immediately followed or preceded Tebbit's lecture. There has been Graham Bright's bill to censor "video nasties", the rise of Victoria Gillick, Enoch Powell's bill on unborn children and Winston Churchill's Obscene Publications Bill. In addition Douglas Hurd. the Home Secretary, has acted to increase prison sentences, presumably believing that for the past two decades we have been "soft" on criminals.

More recently there has also been a great deal of condemnation, especially from such MPs as Teddy Taylor and Nicholas Fairbairn, of a jury for acquitting a man of murder when, it was later revealed, he had previously admitted two counts of rape.

The defenders of social reform and of the permissive society do not take these moves particularly seriously. Calls for capital punishment, corporal punishment and for more censorship, demands for stiffer sentences; to make divorce more difficult and abortions illegal, are dismissed as the ravings of aging Conservative MPs in seaside constituencies.

There was a time, however, when those who challenged the

precisely the same way. Only a decade later the position was very different. The journal of the Institute of Economic Affairs could justifiably proclaim that

we're all libertarians now". All the ingredients that contributed to the success of the economic counter-revolution present to assist a social backlash.



mlikely allies in a crusade against permis

As with economic affairs in the 1970s there is a widespread perception of crisis, with rising crime rates and lurid accounts of sexual violence in every daily newspaper. And as with 1970s economics there is a great deal nf public support for a backlash, with widespread favour for greater authority, stiffer sentences and

tougher discipline.
Similarly, as with economic affairs in the 1970s, there is no clearly articulated alternative to the policies of the backlash, with many, like Germaine Greer, who strongly supported the reforms of the 1960s, now deeply anxious about their consequences.

Social liberals should clearly recognize the potential for a backlash and should begin to mount a defence. There is no conclusive evidence linking "per-missiveness" to crime and much evidence that repression is not the answer. Social liberalism does not imply approval of all the ways in which liberty is used. It implies, rather, a desire not to live in a society in which Norman Tebbit and Teddy Taylor are the arbiters of literary and artistic merit and Nicholas Fairbairn is the guardian

of public morality.

Giving more women positions of authority, promoting greater neighbourliness and supporting the more sober press are far better answers than banning newspapers. A free and tolerant society which respects the law and the police is far more likely to reduce crime than arbitrary sentences and uofair trials.

At a time of confusioo and fear people will always look for solutions that provide apparent cer-tainty and security. Social liberals must ensure that these solutions are found in a free and progressive society and not in the policies of censorship and reaction. If such answers are not found, perhaps in a decade from now the magazines will be proclaiming: "We're all authoritarian now.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

On top of the world only

I first met Hamish McBarber at a No 52 bus stop in Notting Hill. He is the only real explorer I have ever come across, though of course I didn't know that to begin with; at first, he was just the other person in the queue. Well, after the first day or two at the bus stop we got talking, as the British tend to do, even though there was no mutual acquaintance there to introduce us, and he asked me where I was going.

"High St Kensington," I said. "I have to buy a new pair of shoes." Silence fell for an hour or more. until I got the very strong feeling that he wanted me to ask him where he was going. How does one get these feelings? I don't know. Perhaps it's the silent camaraderie that builds up over long periods. Perhaps it was the way he held up a natice in front of my face saying: Why don't you ask me where I'm off to?".

"So, where are you off to?" I asked casualty. "The North Pole," be said. "The 52 bus doesn't go to the

North Pole." "Ah'm changing at Victoria." Silence fell again. I had never met anyone before who was going to the North Pole, though I once knew someone who was off to Glasgow, which is in that general direction, and I didn't know the correct response. Eventually I responded in the only way I knew. "I don't know the correct response to that."
"You say: 'Who's sponsoring your wee trip"?"

I thought about it. Night fell. The sky over Notting Hill turned pink with flaming doner kebabs, dark hlue with late police cars and

yellow with free taxis. By and by dawn came, and I said: "So, who's sponsoring your wee trip, then?

"The GLC," he said. "They've given me £400,000 as a parting present in order to get to the North Pole, as long as I stick to public

The sun came up. I could hear architects getting up in nearby houses, groaning at the prospect of having to plan attic conversions instead of the National Gallery extension they so dearly wanted to

design. I could hear Radio 3 in every breakfast room. I said: "You can't get to the North Pole on public transport."

"That's what you think, laddie. That's what they said when I agreed to trace the source of the Nile using only public transport." "And did you find it?"

"Aye. In the heart of Cairo." More silence fell. I thought about Sir Richard Burton. I thought about Dr Livingstone. I thought about Ken Livingstone. Ken Livingstone, I presume. Yes, I am Ken Livingstone, and here is £400,000 to spend as you like. Thank you, Ken, because I am a minority group, being the only Glaswegian trying to reach the North Pole by public transport. A great shadow came out of the dawo. It was a 52 bus.

"High Street Ken," I said. "North Pole, single" said

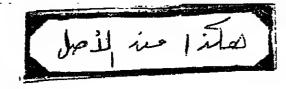
"We don't go to the North Pole," said the cooductor. "You'll have to change at Victoria. I'm sure you can find a train to the North Pole there. If not, take the tube to King's Cross. 70p, please." "Here in by briefcase," said Hamish McBarber, "is a cheque signed personally by Ken Living-stone for £400,000. A ticket for the North Pole, if you don't mind,

"We don't do through tickets," said the conductor. "And even if we did, I couldn't take a cheque. Not even with a bank card."
"All right," said Hamish. "I'll just have a ticket to Victoria. Bat I

insist on paying £20 for it." As he counted out the notes to the amazed conductor, he confided to me that getting through £400,000 was not easy, especially when restricted to public transport, though be seemed to be enjoying the work. When I got off the bus, be wrote his address on a fiver and gave it to me.

"Keep in tonch, laddie. And do one thing for me; every time you go through High Street Ken, think of the man it was named after. The great Ken Livingstone. He kissed his cheque for £400,000 and was borne off towards the North Pole on the 52





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UNCERTAIN SUMMITRY

The Soviet leader's invitation to President Reagan to meet him in Europe - anywhere, anytime - to talk about a nuclear test ban should be seen for what it is a play for the European vote and a tactic to delay the scheduled superpower summit. But it also suggests a measure of desperation in Moscow about how to deal with President Reagan's foreign policy. That may be why the Soviet people have not been told about the prompt American rejection of the idea and why the Soviet foreign ministry has now denied wanting to delay the Washington summit.

This is not to say that Mr Gorbachov's initiative was not cleverly timed. It was. The American President was on holiday. So were the Europeans, except for those taking part io the traditional Easter disarmament marches. The Soviet leader's message was calculated to bypass governments and appeal to what Moscow regards as potential allies in the pursuit of disarmament: the people of Europe.

In receot years, however, Moscow has had reason to be wary of the people of Europe. They have elected governments in favour of siting US cruise and Pershing missiles on their territory, despite dire warnings from Moscow of what would happen if they did. Worse, the people of Spain have actually voted to remaio in Nato in clear defiance of Moscow's advice to pull out. So why does Mr Gorbachov calculate that Europe will react differently on this occasion?

Partly, it is because of the undoubted appeal of a comprehensive nuclear test ban. What clearer expression of a country's peace-loving nature could there be than this? It reasons for wanting to do both. casts anyone, including Presicasts anyone, including Presi-dent Reagao who rejects the and especially about the uto-

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Teachers' conference this

Easter. Each is worth study -

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welcome evidence of fresh

thought about old problems,

some seem like panaceas for

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Sir, Your leader, The way to more

jobs" (March 20), refers to the

"revolution" in the role of

JobCentres resulting from the

Government's decision to expand

counselling facilities for the long-

term unemployed. You fail to

mention that in 1983 the Govern-

ment, in accepting the recom-mendations of Sir Derek Rayner's

report on the MSC's employment

service, abolished counselling

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This was done as a cost-cutting

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Job for JobCentres

From Mr Ray Hurst

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who makes the unimpeachable have always been more acceptpoint that nuclear weapons cannot be uninvented, in the role of uncharitable pessimist. Partly, though, it is because the Soviet Union is running out of other ideas - and time - for combating what seems from Moscow to be President Reagao's growing international clout.

When Mr Gorbachov announced his unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests, the Soviet Union had completed tests of its newest missiles. It was a gesture that cost little. Washington, on the other hand, as President Reagan and his advisers have been keen to point out, was still in the middle of a series of tests. To call a hair would have been expensive, politically and in research terms. The Americans, disregarding short-term propaganda coosiderations, said no.

Any advantage to the Russians could only be temporary. Eventually, the Russians will want to start a new series of tests. But they are hoist by their own petard: to start testing again would mean forfeiting the propaganda advantage their moratorium gave them in the first place. The only alternative would be to negotiate a test ban agreement with the Americans and fast

Moreover, the effect of Mr. Gorbachov's new offer whatever the Soviet Foreign Ministry is now saying - is to blur the issue of a superpower: summit in Washington later in the year. For if President Reagan had agreed to come to Europe to talk about a test ban, both the terms and the timing of a Washingtoo summit would have been altered And the Soviet leader has good

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on what basis: aptitude, pro-

ficiency at tests, parental

enthusiasm? They would attract the better families. They

would become a means for

reorganizing education, in a

way that maverick ministers

such as Mr Bob Dunn talk

about but which timid Cabi-

nets has shown no willingness

Who is to pay for their enhanced curriculum, good

teachers, laboratories and

freshly pasmed classrooms?

The fact is, uncomfortable

though it is to both teacher

unions and to Department of

Educatioo and Science min-

isters, that spending per head

in secondary education has

risen in the past six years of

alleged educational austerity.

It has risen and yet there are

well-attested complaints about

books and buildings. There is,

in other words, much that is

wrong with the administratioo

of education. The culprit is oot

unemployed was "social engineering", totally alien to the

"stand on your own feet" philos-

Government's attitude in 1983 to

counselling services in JobCentres

was its decision to abolish the

requirements of unemployed per-sons aged over 18 to register for

employment: This decision, again

taken for cost-cutting reasons,

placed this country in breach of

Organisationand European social conventions which require mem-

ber countries to register the un-employed for employment. These conventions state that this should

be done to evaluate their capacity

for employment or vocational

The Government should

with

the

Associated

International

training or re-training.

to sanction.

Crown schools would likely

improvements.

And there the dream bumps

gir vouchers, reawaketing of the ideals of them.

Education policy-making-has advantaged; white and non-

able to the Soviet leadership than talks about the whole gamut of bilateral and international issues: among them human rights. Since the Helsinki agreement was signed 10 years ago, the Soviet Union has repeatedly tried to have security issues and human rights discussed at separate forums to prevent the two

being linked too closely in

It is also becoming apparent

Western minds.

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that the Soviet leader - or his military and foreign policy establishment - may be having second thoughts about the timing and the venue of the summit he agreed to in November. Mr Gorbachov emerged from the Geneva summit with very little to show for his pains: above all, no US concessions on the Strategic Defence Initiative. An agreement to meet next in Washington may now look in Moscow like a concessioo to the Americans which it would have been wiser not to make. Can the Soviet leader afford to go to Washington with no prospect of an arms control agreement of any kind in prospect, and President Reagan riding high after his Libvan venture?

As Moscow's foreign policy line looks increasingly unclear, the Soviet side may be concerned that June, or even September, may be too sooo to talk generally with the Americans. What better, from Moscow's point of view, than indefinite postponement of a Washington summit, in favour of test ban talks among friendlier natives in Europe?

It is to the credit of Washington's steel nerves that it insists on following the letter of the agreements reached at last November's summit. It is a measure of the uncertainty still prevailing in Moscow that Mr Gorbachov cannot do likewise.

the DES singularly oor the

policy ideas thrown in the air

recently have written on them

the end of that pat formula

used since the Second World

War to describe British educa-

tion - a national system

locally administered. The exis-

tence of Crown schools would

upset town hall planning. They

would require the DES to grow

an executive arm. It would be

only a matter of time before

the central government stepped in to administer the

entirety of the system. But of

course there is in existence

already an executive arm of

the central government run-

ning, more or less, a large component of public educa-

tion: the Manpower Services

be neo-grammar schools

pursuing an academic curricu-

hum, more or less like the public schools. They would

not offer preparation for work

and training in vocational

skills. They would, in short,

secondary schools is not,

primarily, a failure to serve

middle class children and to

stretch and stimulate the well

motivated from good homes -

important though deficiencies

are in these departments. The

failure is at the other end of the

scale. It is devising a system

which maintains the interest of

the 30 to 40 per cent who at

present sit for no recognized

examination, who give up

mentally before the fourth

form, who have consistently

been neglected since the 1944

Act. Reform in this area is not

glamorous. But the educa-

tional revolution is needed

here as much as, if not more

than, at the other end of the

scale of ability and motiva-

reintroduce the requirement of all

unemployed people aged 18 and over receiving benefits to also register regularly for employment

at JobCentres and careers offices.

This has always applied in respect

of young people under 18 years of

age and cannot be dissociated

from the success of the local

authority cereers service in placing

young people into the Youth Training Scheme.

counselling of all the unemployed

be maintained. Why should this

important revived facility be with-

held by JobCentres until a person

has been unemployed for a year?

Yours faithfully, .

39 Corporation Road,

Redcar, Cleveland.

RAY HURST

Only in this way can continuous

For the problem of British

The Crown schools would

Commission.

miss the target.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

observatory at all. And it seems

triply extraordinary that all this

should be done in the year, may the

week almost, of the very comet

that gave our national observatory

its supreme international status in

the first place. Such insensitivity

indicates a lack of appreciation

not only of the celestial sphere but

One should of course remember

that it is only two decades since

the Government removed our

national observatory out of the

ambit of the Ministry of Defence

where it had essentially been for

three hundred years. Now, on the

advice of mere Civil Servants and

a few blinkered academics, who do

not know its purpose, the Govern-

ment seeks to dispose of our

Does the Government really

believe we understand our celes-

tial environment so well that we

need have no concern over what is

going to happen during the next fifty years, say? Or is the Govern-ment placing its faith in Ameri-cans as usual, and quietly selling of the family silver?

off the family silver?

University of Oxford,

Department of Astrophysics,

It would also be a mistake to

attribute the massive Sandinista

defence spending to the Contra activities. Both the Managua re-

gime and John Carlin's article

imply a very minimal threat

indeed from the democratic

guerillas. Why then the huge war

footing, including 200 tanks? As anyone who has seen northern

Nicaragua knows armour is use-

less in the counter-insurgency role

in the country. The only possible

answer is that the Sandinista militarisation is designed for a

more conventional application in

a region where none of her

neighbours have an armoured

It is very high time indeed that

this Conservative Government

showed as much of an interest in

central America as the United

States and also offered tangihle

military assistance to the demo-

Federation of Conservative Stu-

cratic resistance in Nicaragua.

Yours sincerley,

DAVID HOILE

March 18.

Senior Vice-Chairman

32 Smith Square, SWI.

Yours faithfully, VICTOR CLUBE

South Parks Road.

Oxford

March 25.

capacity.

national observatory altogether.

of English history as well.

Plans to dismantle Herstmonceux

From Dr Victor Chube Sir, It seems extraordinary that only the Treasury now stands in the way of the Department of Education and Science and its plan to dismantle the Royal Greenwich Observatory (Pearce Wright's report, March 21). Have not the Government and the head of State some concern for the future role of our national observatory? Or are we to understand that if the Ministry of Defence were to choose to close down the Meteorological Office in order to save a few pounds, then the nation would disclaim any interest in the weather?

Should these questions seem frivolous, Sir, my point is a serious one nonetheless. There are obviously more things in heaven and carth than meet the eyes of a few Civil Servants in the Department of Education and Science. Yet it is these "experts" apparently who have persuaded the new chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council, who is no astronomer, into believing it is not important to predict what is happening in the sky.

It seems doubly extraordinary therefore that the planned dispersal to Scotland should involve terminating the prediction ser-vices which constitute the only sound reason for having a national

US and the Contras

From Mr David Hoile Sir. John Carlin's article, "Will Congress bail out the Contras?" (March 18), was both contradictory and misleading. In it he dismisses the US view that the Nicaraguan people are "in a ferment"

Somoza's overthrow in 1979, amid wide-scale dissatisfaction, was achieved with 5,000 rebels under arms: there are now 21,000 Nicaragnans under arms. Surely four times as many anti-government guerillas and twice as many civilian refugees now than at the height of the Somoza era indicates a considerable degree of discontent?

John Cartin's dismissal of opposition to the Sandinistas as being the embittered middle class ignores the fact that the Contra movement is composed overwhelmingly of peasants and workers: he also neglects to men-tion the Miskito, Sumo and Creole ethnic communities whose attempted collectivisation, displacement and slaughter led to their taking up arms against the Mapagua regime.

functional, and the term "worker"

is hallowed by tradition and certainly not offensive.

If we have to copy the conti-

nentals, let us imitate their work

methods rather than their jargon.

If the relationship between

management and work-force is

good, it does not matter how the

individuals describe their func-tions. If it is bad, no changes in

When the Red Army was raised,

the old Russian military ranks were avoided in favour of such functional terms as "Comrade Battalion Commander". When the Russians had their backs to the

wall, fighting the Nazis, the old

ranks and their insignia were

revived and have been kept ever

title will improve it.

since.

Surbiton,

March 24.

Yours faithfully

DAVID JACKSON.

8 Woodlands Road,

Trial by jury The workers'

From Mr E. W.D. Jackson From Mr R. E. H. Bailey Sir, I do not know why Dr Doig (March 24) should think that Sir, Your level-headed leader in today's Times concludes by saying terms like "work giver" and "work that "public faith in the delivery o justice must be buoyed. . ." and I accepter" are any less divisive than "manager" and "worker". Presumably a "work giver", havwholeheartedly agree. I venture to suggest, as a rider to that, that public awareness of the definition ing cleared all his papers off his of justice should also be given a desk, can go away to do some hard labour on the golf course, while the "work accepter" meekly gets on with the job allotted to him! It is at present the tendency The term "manager" is entirely

among some newspapers, some more respectable than others, to pre-empt the outcome of a criminal trial and to express borror and outrage if a jury, some of whom may be among the readers of those newspapers, fail, having heard all the evidence, to find some wretch guilty, usually of rape. Ouite anart from the fact that a

jury are in a far better position to reach a finding at the end of a trial than are those who have only read the juicy bits in a newspaper, it is monstrous that any newspaper should seek to criticize jurors for doing their duty. What such journals demand i

not justice, but blood, and they seem not to mind very much whose the blood is. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ROBIN H. BAILEY, Gweal Drym, Higher Drym, Praze. Camborne,

and stripping the ears off; so he

talks of "suripping the barley from

the brittle stalk." The standing

As your reports suggests, the method is less labour-intensive

than others, cutting out one stage

of the process of harvesting.

Whether Virgil, with his adher-

ence to the work ethic, wholly

approved of this aspect is another

numbers of elderly deaths re-

It is unlikely that any of those

whose executors put notices in The Times died from hypother-

mia due to lack of means to pay

This suggests that there are other mechanisms automatically

causing deaths of the elderly in

cold weather. Changes of govern-

ment have not had any obvious

effect on this phenomenon.

61 Cadogan Square, SW1.

straw was then burnt

Yours faithfully,

253 Chester Road North.

J. P. TOOMEY

Kidderminster.

Worcestershire.

corded.

heating bills.

Yours faithfully,

Cornwall.

March 14.

(cp the Greek root word for Stripping of grain squeeze or strangle) which sug-gests holding the grain-head tight

From Dr Lynnette J. Peel Sir, Your report (March 24) "Stripping off ears of corn to cut costs", suggests that this method of grain harvesting has not been developed successfully in the past. In fact, the "stripper", using this principle, was developed in South Australia in 1843.

A stripper was essentially a large box on wheels with a comb mounted in the front and a revolving beater mounted at the back of the comb, so that as the stripper was pulled through the wheat by a horse the ripe heads of grain were drawn back through the comb and knocked off by the beater into the box. The mixture of chaff and grain in the box was

winnower and winnowed by hand. .In the mid-1880s the winnowing and stripping operations were incorporated into one machine, the McKay stripper-harvester, and this machine was used throughout the Australian wheat regions; by 1914 some 10,000 had been exported to the Argentine.

then taken to a small stationary

Yours faithfully. LYNNETTE I. PEEL 49 Oaklands. Hamilton Road, March 24

From Mr J. P. Toomey Sir, The idea of grain stripping discovered by the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering (Science Report, March 24) is in fact a very old one. In Book I of the Georgics Virgil describes the process, using the verb stringere,

Continuing grip of apartheid From Dr Julian Cobbing

Sir, In reply to Mr Woodrow Wyatt's claim ("Give Botha enough time to hury apartheid". March 1) that "the policy of apartheid is officially and actually dead", this is certainly not the case in Grahamstown, the town in the Eastern Cape in which I live. Neither are we one of the "pockets of segregation left after so many

Blacks are still forced to live in residentially segregated areas throughout "white South Africa" and are clearly destined to remain that way partly for the purposes of military control. The organisation to which I belong, the Grahams-town Committee of Democrats, has had its meetings banned since last July because we publicly called for the end of apartheid.

Mr Wyatt has misunderstood what apartheid is. Apartheid is the black "homelands" - separate, - separate, huge reserves, turned into pseudostates ruled over by black collaborators, the creation of which this century has involved allocating 87 per cent of land in South Africa to just over 10 per cent of whites and t3 per cent to nearly 80 per cent of hlacks, a land division which makes Ian Smith's Rhodesia appear extravagantly generous.

This division was imposed by force against the will of the voteless majority of hlacks and they will never accept it. P. W. Botha is fully committed to maintaining and defending this grand apartheid, but calculatedly seeks to confuse foreign visitors by speaking of reforms within the white pseudo-state,

The African National Congress (which Mr Wyatt forgot to say has been banned since 1960), and other organisations such as the United Democratic Front and the Azanian Peoples Organisation, are fighting to destroy grand apartheid and replace it with a single, unified democratic state. That it will require a comprehensive structural revolution is a tautology.

The longer the indefensible is defended by the Army the more likely it is that the solutions will be extreme, and vice-versa, I am afraid that Mr Wyatt has been the victim of a very big lie indeed. Yours faithfully JULIAN COBBING.

15 George Street. Grahamstown, South Africa.

The Savery case From Mr Denis E. Meehan

Sir, It used to be commonly held that one of the main purposes of education was to nurture individuals the capacity for independent thought.

Now (March 21) the Director of Education for the County of Avon disabuses us of this silly notion: a teacher whose published opinions are "extreme and provocative" to his colleagues (but not, apparently, extreme and provocactive enough to be actionable at law) is to be hauled before a disciplinary tribupal

Mr Savery's co-educators have to be protected from opinions contrary to their own, it seems, they cannot hold their own in rational debate, or agree to differ when differing opinions prove irreconcilable. Let's burn a few

Yours faithfully DENIS E. MEÉHAN, 194 Menton Road, SW18. March 22

Sirte recalled

From Mr David W. Pugh Sir, Your editorial today (March 26) is headed "The Battle of Sirte." To some who served in the Royal Navy in the last war the real battle of Sirte was fought on Passion Sunday, March 22, 1942 when the whole of the Italian Fleet comprising all their battleships, 8in and 6in cruisers plus destroyers, intercepted a Malta convoy passing from Alexandria to Malta.

Admiral Philip Vian, commanding the 15th Cruiser Squadron of four 51/2 light cruisers, retired behind a dense smoke-screen, firing on radar bearings which the Italians did not possess, and put that mighty force to flight. There was a howling gale blowing, but it was a day to remember for ever. Yours faithfully, DAVID W.PUGH (Ex-Surgeon Lieutenant, RNVR), 38 Sion Hill. Bath.

Slow but sure Deaths from cold

From Mr W. C. R. Whalley From Dr J. H. B. Beal Sir, Longstanding, regular readers of The Times death announce-Sir, Our tortoise emerged today, two weeks later than last year. He ments will have noticed that, for at lives, free range, in our small walled garden. I captured him in least the last 60 years, spells of central Syria in 1950, and he has very cold weather have been rapidly followed by increased lived with us ever since.

AVOD.

March 26,

Usually he appears at the same time as the dandelions, to which he is partial. Later, lettuce and strawberries are his favourites. I attribute his success to the fact that his home in Syria at an elevation of 1,600ft can be bitterly cold in winter

Anyway, 35 years in the open in Berkshire seems a pretty good record. Yours etc.

W. C. R. WHALLEY. 105 High Street, Hungerford,

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 2 1924

intagonism between the Bavaria state government and the central government in Berlin led Hitler to elieve that his National Socialist Party could take over Germany. With what he thought was the support of the Bavarian premier and the head of the Bavarian army, and the encouragement of Ludendorff, he launched his coup from the Beer Hall in Munich on November 8, 1923. It quickly proved abortive when, on the wing day, the police fired on

MUNICH TREASON

TRIAL.

Hitler's supporters. Hitler served

only one year of his sentence, and

that in comparative comfort.

FARCICAL SENTENCES.

GENERAL LUDENDORFF ACQUITTED. (From Our Correspondent.) MUNICH, April 1.

Subdued cheers greeted General udendorff and his associates as they swaggered into the Court this morning to hear judgement passed n them for the part they played in the Nationalist revolt in Munich on November 8 and 9 last year With the exception of Herr Hitler and Dr. Weber all were in full uniform and wearing numerous ecorations. Previously, in th streets leading to the Army School, General Ludendorff had received an enthusiastic welcome as his car drove slowly through the large crowds that had assembled in spite of the numerous police edicts

emonstrations. The verdict was slowly read by Dr. Neidhardt, the President of the ourt:-Five years' imprisonment in a fortress and a fine of 200 marks £10) and costs for Herr Hitler, Dr Veber, Herr von Pöhner, and ieutenant-Colonel Kriebel, who were found guilty of high treason-the crowded Court shuddered with indignation-one year and three tress and a fine of 100 marks and costs for Lieutenant Brückner Captain Röhm, Herr Frick, Lieutenant Wagner, and Lieutenant Pernet (General Ludendorff's stepson), who were found guilty of abetting high treason; Excellency Ludendorff acquitted, but ordered

to pay certain costs. The President waited for the excitement and sympathetic murmurs to subside and then continued:-"Hitler, Pöhner, Weber and Kriebel must serve six months and will then be released on their own recognizances, the remainder of sentence being suspended Brickner and the others will be set free at once, also on suspender sentence and on their own recognizances."

Munich is chuckling over the rerdict, which is excellent joke for All Fools' Day. The verdict was arrived at hy vote of four to one, the Court consisting of three judges and two laymen. The President afterwards read a long statement setting forth the legal grounds on which the Court had based its decision. In view of the actual verdict, it was rather difficult to take his statement seriously in spite of the use of such phrases as filat justitia pereat

At the conclusion of the President's statement General Laendorff indignantly declared thet was a scandal and a disgrace the e should be acquitted and his eallant comrades condemned. The public rose to jeer at the Court or to shout, "Hail Hitler!" or "Hail Ludendorff!" The President looked surprised and grave. He evidently felt that he had done nothing to meril this hostile demonstration Had he not on several occasion during the long trial said that the performance was obviously finished, and the public swarmed out into the corridors to greet the eroes as they walked away.

From a window Herr Hitler smilingly bowed his acknowledge ments to the crowd outside, who already knew the verdict and apparently appreciated the joke. The streets were again densely crowded to welcome General Ludendorff on his way home. One or two women were crushed and several other casualties occurred owing to a charge by mounts police armed with rubber-covere steel truncheons who evidently did not realize that it was April 1, and were acting on the orders they had received to disperse the crowd at any cost. But in an hour or so conditions in the city were absolutely normal.

The trial has at any rate proved thet to plot against the Constitu-tion of the Reich is not considered a serious crime in Bavaria. Possihly the only people who do not share the general satisfaction at the verdict are the relatives of the 18 men who lost their lives under the leadership of Herr Hitler and General Ludendorff in the Odeonsplatz on November 9.

Return of Eros

From Mr Frank T. Smith Sir. I understood from reading H.V. Morton's In Search of London that the original intention of the sculptor Gilbert was to perpetrate a pun by positioning Eros so that his arrow was discharged in the direction of Shaftesbury Ave-

This was not done, and I had hoped that when Eros was returned to Piccadilly Circus he would be seen to have "buried his shaft" in the correct direction. However, sadly, he now has sped the bolt to Lower Regent Street. Yours faithfully, FRANK T. SMITH. St Paul's Manse, 6 Park Avenue. Dunfermline.

March 25.

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COURT **CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 1: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning reopened the Guildhall ar Windsor after its

refurbishment.

His Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor P. Shaw)

R.Shaw).
Mr Brian McGrath was in The Queen was represented

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thimas Kennedy (Air Aide-de Camp) at the Funeral of Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Mer-ton (formerly Air Aide-de-Camp) which was held in the Church of St Mary and St Nicholas, Wilton, Wiltshire this afternoon

Lady Abel Smith has suc-ceeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE April I: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preson has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady in Wain-ing In Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mnther.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 1: The Prince and Princess of Wales today opened the Terminal 4 extensions of the London Underground System and subsequently toured and opened Terminal 4 Heathrow

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr David Roycroft were in

Austrian Embassy, 18 Belgrave Square SW1.

Mrs George West and Mr
David Roycroft were in

Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will visit Aston Martin Lagonda Limited at Newport Pagnell on April 9 and later will attend a dinner of the Board of Grand Stewards at Marshott Taylors' Hall Merchant Taylors' Hall.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Bennett Langton will be held at St Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, Oxford-shire, at 3.30 pm on Friday, April 4, 1986.

Their Royal Highnesses this evening attended a dinner/dance given by His Excellency the Austrian Ambassador and Mrs Thomas at the Thomas at th

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.D. Coverley and Miss S.E. Jones

The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Coverley, of Newport Pagnell. Buckinghamshire, and Susan Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Jones, of Lavendon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr W.R. Cox and Miss C.F. Regnart

The engagement is announced between Wakely Richard, younpetween wakety Kichard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Cox. of Stafford Park, Puddletown, Dorset, and Caroline Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Regnart, of Tarrant Gunville, Dorset. Mr S.G. Crichton and Miss A.M.V. Ford

The engagement is announced between Scott Gordon, only son of the late Squadron Leader Gordon Crichton, of The Haymarket, London, and the late Mrs J. McGoldrick, of Essex, and Alicia, only daughter of the late Mr Christopher Ford, of Lincolnshire, and of Mrs etween Scott Gordon, only son Brian Inwood, and stepdaughter of Mr Brian Inwood, of Dolpbin Square, London, SWI.

Dr G.L. Duncan and Miss V.A.M. Salisbury The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Dr and Mrs A.M. Duncan, of Loughborough, and Vivienne, elder daughter of the late Major Dennis Salisbury and of Mrs M. Salisbury, of Guildford,

Mr S.D. Fowler and Miss A.E. Heal

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs I.D. Fowler, of Tileburst, Berkshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Heal, of Great Shelford Great Cambridgeshire. Shelford,

Mr A.J. Gallacher and Miss D.A. Bickmore

The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Gallacher, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Daniell, only daughter of Licutenant-Colonel and Mrs Jesse O. Bickmore, of Broad Marston, Worcestershire.

Mr J.P.Q. Harwood and Miss G.O. Acalle The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr and Mrs S.E. Harwood, of Fitzhead, Somerset, and Giselle OEnone, daughter of the late Mr Gervasio Aenlle and of Mrs OEnnne Aenlle, of Montevideo,

Mr P.A, Hildreth and Dr V.A. Ganld

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.L. Hildreth, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S. Gauld, of Wimhledon, London.

and Miss J.M. Fisher

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Group Captain P. Hutchins and the late Mrs Hutchins, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Judy, daughter of Dr and Mrs Hugh Fisher, of Perth, Australia.

Mr A.A. Keith and Miss C.S. Cowdrey

The engagement is announced between Alistair, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Keith, of Pontefract, Yorkshire, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr M.C. Cowdrey, CBE, and Mrs M.C. Cowdrey, of Limpsfield,

Mr D.G. Lindley and Miss H.K. Constable

The engagement is announced between David Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Lindley, of Spalding, Lincoln-shire, and Helen Katrine, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Jobn Constable, of Brampton, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.J.D. MacColl and Miss J.E. Coslett

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs D.F. MacColl, of Rowhook, Sussex, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Goslett, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.B. Innes and Miss J.A. Stephenson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W.A.D. Innes, of The Old Manse of Marnoch, Banfishire, and Jane, daughter of Lieuten-ant-Colonel J.D. Stephenson, of Cefn Parc, Brecon, and the late Mrs Stephenson.

Mr A.B. Stobart and Miss L.S. Gladstone

and Miss L.S. Gladstone
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs H.G. Stobart, of Brompton-by-Sawdon, Yorkshire, and Susan, elder daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel R.M. Gladstone, of Grosmont, Yorkshire, and of Mrs E.M. Gladstone, of Helmdon, Northamotonshire. Northamptonshire.

Mr P.N.C. Walker and Miss S.R.Hepburn

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.M. Walker, of East Harptree, near Bristol, and Sara, youngest daughter of the late Mr J.M. Hepburn, of Bishopsteignton, Devon, and of Mrs J.M. Hepburn, of Fentiman

Mr J. Walter and Miss D.J. Parker

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr John Walter, of Lugano, Switzerland, and of Mrs Vladimir Daskaloff, of Palma, Mallorca, and Davina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Parker, of The White House, Nuffield, Oxfordshire.

Mr S. Warrington and Miss C.C. Holbrook

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs K.B. Warrington, of Peter-borough, Cambridgesbire, and Catherine Charlotte, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs K.A. Holbrook, of Cottingham,

Science report

US pointer to treatment of Aigs

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A discovery which points the Cancer Society at Daytona way to a treatment for ac-Beach, Florida, that the Aids quired immune deficiency virus may cause immune sys-syndrome (Aids)has been tem cells to produce a deadly made by an American medi- protein called lymphotoxin, cal research team.

Their findings are still tentative, but they suggest a cells of the body's immune reason why the infection is so system, leaving the victim destructive. The deadly Aids defenceless against a variety virus may cause immune sys- of fatal diseases. tem cells to destroy themselves, according to a Yale normally produce some

disclosed by Dr Nancy Rud- may make one type of T-cell, dle, associate professor of designated T4, produce un-epidemiolngy and public usually high amounts of the health at Yale University protein. School of Medicine, whose

sponsored by the American neighbouring T-cell.

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...When I I all, I shall arms: when 1 sil in darkness, the LORD snat) be a *light unto me*, Micah 7, 8

BEDDOES - On 27 March at Rochford Hospital, to Christine Inee MacLean) and Christopher, a son, Alexander

BUTCHER On 31st March 1986 in

Dorchesler to Sharon (nee Grouse) Michael a son Joseph Christy Leo

CHRISTIE On March 23rd 1986. at Eign. to Poste and Tomas. a daugh-

Eigin. Io rosate ter Georgina.

CLUMES-ROSS - To Cillian Inde
Wadel and Jonathan, on 24th
March, a daughter, Tamain Jessica.

CRANSTON. To Helen and Kevin a
Rehecca Chartotte, on
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which kills them.

The virus destroys the T-Dr Ruddle said that T-cells

lymphotoxin to help to kill The discovery has been germs, but that the Aids virus

The

CROSS on 21st March al the John Radctiffe Hospital, Oxford, to Josephine Inee Langford) and Nicholas, a daughier, Poppy Philomena, a sister for Chice and Sophies. Popsy Philomena, a sister for Chice and Sophies. DAWSON - On Sunday 30th March at Hospital de la Tour, Geneva, to Serena Inee Franklini and Paul, a daughler, (Alice Moffat Amager).

EDELSHAIN - On 29th March in Lon-don to Vasuko inee Okadai and Martin, a son, Benjamin Tomotane.

FITZ GERALD To Sarah (nee Dykes) & Peter on 27th March a girl.

COLOB - on 29th March, to Anne ince DeVine) and James, a son. Edward Christian James, a brother for Sachs.

GRAY - On March 28. to Stephanie inee Thornton-Dewhirst) and Philip, a daughter. Charlotte.

NOLMES - On March 26, to Alexandra ince Bickerdikei and Robin. a son Timothy, a brother for Edward. HOWARD, On March 24th al Liverpool Maternity Rospital, to Clare Ince Jordan) and Robert. a son James Philip.

HUGHES - On 24th March 1986. to Sian thee Pearson; and Nicholas, a daughter, Emily Meryl.

HUSTLER On 31st March at Mount Alvernia, to Liz thee Hughes-Onslows and John, a son.

JOHNSON to Susan linee Bull) and Brian on 24th March 1986 at Wycombe General Hospital, a son Alexander William, a brother for Clare.

REMBLE - On 28th March, to Sarah ince Hemun and Brian, a son, Henry Edward, a brother for Alex and Thomas

KENNEDY - To Joanna on March 25th a daughter. Eleanor Frances.

LEGGE: On March 23rd, in Beth rinee Bayne; and Fraser, a son Andrew Lain Fraser, a brother for Benjamin.

MOAT - On March 26th, to Maggie ince Ashpitel; and Graham. a son, Guy Edward, a brother for Anna.

NETER On March 26th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Laurence and Nick, a son (Samuel). A brother for Hanna

in the blood of people with Aids. Dr Ruddle added that if the theory were true, some type of treatment that deals with lymphotoxin production might be able to control Aids in infected people, although it would not be a cure, because the virus would remain present.

Researchers were looking

for evidence of lymphotoxia

One possibility being inves-tigated, she said, is cyclosporin, which has been found to inhibit lymphotexin production in laboratory

research team has been lymphotoxin apparently can-studying the disease. In the property of th half of them have died.

TESTER - On March 27th to Josiane and Kevin, a son Mikaei David Anlony.

Aniony.

HOMPSON on March 27 to Charlotte
INee Firth and Simon a son Edward

John Cower).

TURNER - On 31st March, to Jane and Roger, a daughter, Gittlam; a sister for Joanna and Francis.

WARBURTON On March, 28th at Wythenshawe Hospital. Cheshire to Heather and Ian a beautiful daughter Ame.

Amy.
WILSON on March 28th in Barnstable
Devon. lo Lizzie and John. a daughier Kalle. sister for Suzanna and
Richard.

AGGETT on Good Friday, peacefully alter a long iffnest, Hillary Mary Aggett FSA of Curry Rivet. Somerset, dear wife, mother and grandmoiher. Farelly reculem on Friday, April 4. A memorial service will be amounced later. By her request, no flowers, but donations it desired, to St. Margarets Somerset Hospitce, Flook House, Taumtoo TA1 1BT.

BASSETT - Jack Stanley, beloved hus-band of Lilian and father of Margaret and John, on 27 March 1986, al Watton Hospital after a long tilness, borne with courage and seiflessness, Cremation at 12.50 pm on Friday 4 April 1986 at Randais Park, Lealite head, Family flowers only, Donations if desired to the Friends of Walton Hospital, Watton Hospital, Postner, Road Walton-On Thames

BEATTIE on Friday. 28th March at Queensberry lodge. Royal Mile. Edunburgh. Professor William Beatte CBE of 7 Souin Gittsland Road. Edunburgh. EH10. dear husband of the late Agnes Wood. dear lather of Anno. Jean. and the late Alice. grandfalmer of Else and Lu. Fumeral service at Morton Hall Crematorium. Main Chapet. Edunburgh on Wednesday. 2nd April at 12.00 pm. No flowers by request but donatoers in lieu to "Friends of Queensberry House Hospital and Lodge".

CAMERON on March 31st at King Edward VU Hospital. London (Sister Agnes) peacefully after devoted and compassionate care it ene Maud (Nee Ferguson) wile of Sir James Cameron and mother of Sheita. Hamish and Jenniter. Funeral private.

DEATHS



Frank Bruno, the European heavyweight champion, digging the first sod yesterday for a new hydrotherapy unit to help disabled and injured children in the East End of London. The unit, for which £227,000 has to be raised, will he part of the physiotherapy department of the London Hospital in Tower Hamlets (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Sevenoaks School

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announced:

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The following awards are

Caroline Wilson (Waithamstow Ham).
Exhibitions: Clare Barton (Sevenoules). Richard Beaumont (Sevenoules). Philip Clayton (Sevenoules). Catherine Hilton (Tunbridge Weit) Giras Granmari, Bradley Mayhew (Sevenoules). Elizabeth Ramsey (Inverture Academy). Richard Shaw (Sevenoules). Anna Stating (St. Hilary's). Lan Walker (Sevenoules). Anna Stating (St. Hilary's). Lan Walker (Sevenoules). Elizabeth Wilson (Tombridge Cirks Grammari). Middle School Scholarships: Justin Bockland (Hazelwood). Nicoletta McAllen (Sevenoules and Beckentam Copvent).

Exhibitions: Marie-Claire Henrock (Wetiestey House), James McLaggan (DCPS Cranbrook), Nicole Smith (Vinehall)

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Makers and Tobacco Blenders for All-Round Achievement: Charity Stoodley IS Bede's). Marley pic Creative Technology: David Tradewell (Skippers Hill Manor).

The board of governors of Mary

Hare Grammar School for the Deaf has elected Mr LG. Tucker

to the post of principal in succession to Mr K. Pearce, who

Mary Hare

Grammar School

Birthdays today

Mr C.W.L. Bevan, 66; Sir Jack Brabham, 60; Professor A.C. Dornhorst, 71; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, 82; Miss Catherine Gas-kin, 57; Major-General Sir Stuart Greeves, 89; Sir Alec Guinness, 72; Sir Ian Hunter, 67; Miss Penelope Keith, 46; Sir Peter Lawrus, 60; Sir Peter Peter Lazarus, 60; Sir Peter Middleton, 52; Sir Robert Munro, 79; Sir Hugh Overton, 63; Major-General C.J. Popham, 59; Mr M.G. Rizzello, 60; Sir Denis Rooke, 62; Mr Denis Tuoby, 49. Denis Tuoby, 49.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, to be chairman of the executive committee of Anglo-Israel Association in succession to Lady Byers.

Bridge win for London couple

N. and C. Tompkins of London won the Swiss pairs champion-ship final of the Guardian Easter International Tournament, which ended at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on Monday

Pattenmakers

The following have been elected officers of the Pattenmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Anthony Eskenzi; Upper Warden, Mr W.R.F. Chamberlain; Renter Warden, Mr A.D. Miller, Warden to the Trade, Mr R.P. Shepherd.

University news Oxford

Oxford

Elections
WOLPSON COLLEGE: To a Spalding Visions Fellowshis: Kari Harrington Potter. An icalifornia at Berkeley, MA. PhD Harrardi, professor of Philosophy and South-Eart Asia studiosophy and Frank Blackidow. Basse (Melbourne). MSc (Cornell, PhD IOregon State), head of School of agriculture, University of Western Australia (Hillary and Trinity terms. 1986: Ratio Y Existe. MA (Ohio), PhD (Illinois), professor of psychology, University of Delaware (Hillary and Trinity terms. 1987); Joseph Paul Forças, DPht. 8A; (Macquarie), associate professor of psychology, University of New South Wales Judy 1986 to Pebruary 1987); Stanley Abraham Kuczal, 8A (Texas), PhD (Mincesota), professor and chairman department of the provinces of the Chairman State (Macquaries), professor and chairman department of the provinces of the Chairman State (Macquaries), professor and chairman department of the provinces of the Chairman State (Macquaries), professor and chair

will retire on August 31, 1987. thancy), associate professor of chemistry. University of Karisruhe, Harweil Visitor (Trindy Term and long vacalion. 1936): Chalm Menachen Rabin. DPhil (London). Quondam professor of Hebrew Ianquage. Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1986-87): Zeev Rubin, DPhil, associate professor of ancient history. Tel-Aviv. University, 11986-87): W. Ronald Schuchard. BA. PhD (Texas), associate professor of English, Emory University (1986-87): Alex Wetngrod. MA. PhD (Enkago). professor of antimopology. Ben Gurion University of the Charles of the Control of Charles of the Charles of Charles o

Glasgow

The following promotions are to take effect from October 1,

Births, Deaths and In Memoriam

CAMPRILL - On Thursday 27th March at Harestone Nursing Home. Catertham, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Lucy, beloved wife of Maor General Peter Campbell, loving mother of Murray and Colin, mother-in-law to Suzannah, and grandmother to Duncan. Private cremation at Beckenham cremation-ium, on Friday 4th April. Flowers please to J & R Killick. 112 High Street. West Wickham. Kenf. or if preferred, donations to the Marie Cure Foundation.

CHAMBERLAYNE Barbara of Hobday CHAMBERLATHE Barbara of Hobday
House, Hartpury, Goucester, dear
wrie of Jack Chamberiayne, on
Easter Sunday, Privale cremation,
memorial service on Thursday April
10th at 2 30 at Ashleworth Church,
Donations in lieu of flowers may be
given for The Gloucestershire Assoclation For The Disabled,
Community House, 16 College
Green, Gloucester.

CLARK. On March 29th peacefully at home. Kenneth Allan. Beloved husband of Paisy, much loved father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving al St Andrews. Corbridge. 12 noon. Friday April 4ll. No flowets. donations if desired to Care, Kibworth. Leicester

Ribworth. Leicester

COLLETT - On March 29th 1986. Olga
Kathleen. O.B.E.. of 5 Dolphin Ci..
Weymouth, peacefully in her 87th
year. Requitim Mass at the Covent of
Mercy. Wyke Road. Weymouth. on
Monday April 7th at 10.15 sm. Family Bowers only. but donations it
desired to Save The Children Fund
Lebanon Desk) 17 Grove Lane,
Camberwell. London SE5 8RD En
outnes to Slockbing & Son. 22
Cresent Street. Weymouth 10308
785915).

CROMMELIN - On March 28, sudden is in hospital. Emily Mona Mary beloved wife of the late Henry Arden Crommelin, to ung mother of Pameta Jordan and the late Geoffrey Crommelin, loving grandmother and great-grandmother Enquiries to L. E. Perry. Tethury, 52295

CUTHSERT on 20th March 1986 Norman Cuilbert, Millburn, Turnberty Avrishire Beloved husband of Albe and dearest failer of Norma Funer al senice look place al Kirkoswald Parish Church, Ayrahire on 24th March 1986

de COURCY-ERELAND - On March 28. aged 91. Gerald Blakeney de Courcy-treland LVQ.. M.C.. Lt. Col. lale of the Worresture Regiment, loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation private. Donations if desired to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

or the Blind.

DRYSDALE John Alexander. Peacetuilly. on Good Friday. Beloved
husband of Dorothy. father of Mary
and Roban and grandfather of Rosy.
Amanda. Alexander. and Henry. Privale Funeral. Memorial Service on
Friday April 25th at \$1 Mary's
Church, Dedham at 12 noon. Church, Dedham at 12 noon.

GASE on March 27th 1986 peacefully in hospital John aged 73 years of Matford Avenue. Exeler. 25 years school master Exter school. Past Captain RTR and past Secretary Devon and Cornwall RTR Old Compares Association. Beloved husband of Avert. father of Josephine and Cinny (deceased) and a much loved grandfather. Funeral service St Leonards Church. Exeler. Friday April 4th. 10.00 am followed by Cremation Family flowers only

mailon Family flowers only

GRAVES - On 29 March 1986, peacefully at home after a long timess
borne with great courage Helen, beloved wife of the late Brian William
Craves, mother of Judith. Rodney
and Cynthia, and grandmother of
Meliosa. Juliao. Aroanda. Lucinda
and Adrian Requium Mass at St
Christopher's Church. Tabor Car
dens. Cheam. Surrey on Friday 4
April. at noon. followed by crema
tion at the South London
Crematorium, Mitcham. at 115 pm
Family flowers only but donations
may be sent to the Imperial Cancer
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lote and Son Lid Suiton Surrey Ol
642 8211

GREY - Suddenly but neacefully on

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GREY - Suddenly but peacefully on March 30th Harold Hylton Orey brother of Connie and the late Sybul and Nevulle Service at Newcastle upon Type Crenatorium on Thursday April 3rd at 10 30 am Farmiv flowers only Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation 393 Westpate Road Newcastle STO Westgar Hood (NewCastle SRIFFFINS On Easter Sunday at Monouth House Lymmgton Ger trude Windred beloved wife of the late Frank and much loved mother of Kalinicen (Kay) Rouald and Hillary grandmother and greatgrandmother Service at Bournemouth Crematon um at 115 Friday 4th April No flowers please HARDMAN - Elizabeth Marie (Biddy), peacefully at Moreton-in-Marsh Hoppital on Saturday March 29th 1986, wife of the late George Hardman and dearly loved mother of Philippa. John and Adrian. Funeral at St. John's Church. Charrington, Warwicisthire.

Warwickshire.

MAWKINS - On 29th March, in the Churchall Hospital. Oxford, after a long filmes, kathleen Octave, dearly loved sister of Joan. Funeral service at Oxford crematorium on Friday 4th April at 2.15 pm. Donathous if desired for the National Trust. C/o J&M Humphrie. Albert Street. Banbury

Burbury

HEAGERTY - On Saturday March

29th, very peacefully at her home in

Hermanus, South Africa, Mary Ella

Murdoch, aged 87, beloved wife of

John and mother of Maureen, Pet
rick and James.

John and mother of Maureen. Petrick and James.

**RODDER-WHILLAMS - on 31st March 1986. Felicity (nee Blagden), wrife of Paul Hodder-Williams and mother of Susan. Mark. Richard and Mary Anna. Suddenly at home. Funeral service at Extord. Saturday Sth April at 2 30 pm. Family flowers only Donations if desired to St Mary Magdalene. Exford. C/o Reverend John Alkin. The Rectory. Exford. Minchead. Somerset

**HOTHAMI Suddenly on March 29th. Henry aged eleven years, beloved younder son of Martin and Erica Funeral at All Sanuts. Drinkstone. Bury St Edmunds on Monday April 7th at 2 30 pm.

RUGMES. On April 1st Alexander Ian Hoghes (Li-Cdr R N R D.S.C R D) aged 71 years, after a short illness Dearty loved father of Gordon Les ley and Cay Cremation at Mid Warrickshare Crematorium at 10 30 am Friday April 4th Flowers to the John Taylor Funeral Service Leam louton. Spa or donations to Whillaker Ward Warrick Hospital

**JOLLY Catherme Mary aged 22 on March 27th tragically as the result of am Avalanche Much loved daughter of Norah and the late Philip Jolly of the Grange Kesgrave and sister of Partick Timothy Margaret Richard an Avalanche Much loved daughter of Norah and the late Philip Jolly of the Grange Kesgrave and sister of Patrick Timothy Margaret Richard and High R I P SOMES - On 31 March 1986 at Heri ford Mi Trevor Jones Charlered Accountant sadly missed by family irrends and colleagues MEKWICK - On March 30th Cladys E.
M. Ketwick aged 88 years beloved
wife of the late Lealle O. Kekwick
and mother of Roy. Moyna and Alan

MACLAURIN on 28th March sudden b at 65 Cornwall Cardens SW7 Organice Pajurich widow of the late George Maclaurin

OBITUARY DR WILLIAM BEATTIE Expansion of the National Library of Scotland

Dr William Beattie, CBE, facsimile of the earliest of all, who died on March 28, aged The Chepman and Myllar 82, was Librarian of the Prints (1950), but he never National Library of Scotland completed the systematic from 1953 to 1970, and the study of the subject he was so institution to which he devotion well qualified to write.

His Level increases at Oxford went quanties to writer at Oxford working life owed much to his University in 1964-65, still a determined administration.

On guard

against the old

clichés.

By Philip Howard

Does God punish us for our sins? Or does He stomp on us merely for fuo? Io other

words, are the gods just, and of our pleasant vices make inour pleasant vices made in struments to plague us? Or, on the other hand, as flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods; do they kill us for their

That we can ask such semi-nal questions in The Times

today is a sign that April has arrived, and longen folk to go on conference. At the joint meeting of the Classical Asso-

ciations of Scotland and England at Glasgow University last night, Mr Alex Garvie of Glagsow University discussed

the roots of our morality in western civilization.

The ancient Greeks held

two different notions about the gods. The first was the

that no man can remain happy

that the exclamation of hu-

sport?

connection giving him a na-tive interest in Sir Walter centre of Scottish cultural life Scott and in the Border bal- in the eighteenth century, a lads on which he was later to period he knew well, serving write - he proceeded from the as an active member of the local grammar school to advisory committee of the George Watson's College, Ed-Yale Boswell editions. inhurgh, and thence to Edin-

Keeper of Printed Books in

The 40 years he spent in the service of the National Library saw rapid developments moralistic view that the gods punish human misbehaviour. in particular hubris.
The second was the amoral in its stock, its staff, and its (London) Bibliographical So-reputation; and above all its ciety between 1975 and 1977. theology, that the gods resent, move from cramped quarters and cut down to size, mortals who become too prosperous. Mr Garvie traced the parallel growth of both notions in the spacious, but in the event not large enough, new building on earlier poets from Homer to

George IV Bridge, Edinhurgh.
The new building, planned
and started in the 1930s,
delayed by the Second World
War and opened only in 1956, The optimist said that if you were good, and made juicy sacrifices, and took care not to commit such blasphemy as was a matter of great pride to Beattle, who felt that the urinating while standing up and facing the sun, with a bit Beattie, who felt that the prolonged administrative effort to secure the appropriate housing of the literary treaof luck you might be all right. The pessimist recognized that housing of the literary trea-sures of the Scottish nation was worthwhile, and that a ln 1932 he because he was human, things were going to turn out scaly anyhow. In his thoughtful paper, Mr building comfortable and attractive to readers and visitors Garvie discussed the even (and to benefactors also) had older fundamental Greek idea been achieved.

Beattie's own printed scholand prosperous all his life. The arly output was relatively small. His principal interest, most for which one can hope is a mixture of good and evil: the principle of alternation. No thinking man can suppose the history of early Scottish printing, was deployed in

man suffering is a simple black and white matter. And those old Greeks were thinking men. We should therefore be on our guard against the old cliché and the modern scholars who tell us that the Greek tragedians wrote their plays to prove that suffering is always Annagement. abiding love historical re-Edith Margaret Robertson search into legend, and in punishment for huhris; and to Management warn us to avoid it. Life is

Church news

than that.

Appointments Church of Scotland Cherch of Scotland
The Rev Trevor Hist to Evie wit
Firth with Rendail.
The Rev Aexander H Green I
Glasgow, South, Carntyne.
The Rev James S.A. Cowan I
Cockenate and Port Scion, Old,
The Rev P Douglas Wilson froe
Errol with Kilspindle and Rate t
Aberdeen, St. Columba's Bridge of
Don.

more complex than that. And the Greeks saw more deeply

Don.
The Rev David L. Wright from
Hawick, Old with Tevlodread to
Stornoway, Sr Columba.
The Rev John McLeod from Livingston. St Paul's to Besolls and
Urquitari.

Scottish Episcopal Church
The Rev K.V. Pagan, Rector of
Campbelown, Arryll, to be a canon of
St. John's Cathedral, Otan,
The Rev P.W.G. Burwett has
resigned his appointment as Rector of
St. Leonard's, Lasswade, and St.
Mary's, Datketh, Edinburgh, on his
appointment as Christian stewardship
adviser in the diocese of Bradford.

Church in Wales
The Rev Donald Keth Pope. Vicur o
Pontspool, to be Vicur of the pewls
crouped parish of Crosmont and
Skenfrith and Linguittock Lingue
with Linguist Chapel.

Titular professor: Dr Arthur C Altison. computing science: Dr John R
Coogans, biochemistry: Dr Hichard M
De La Rue, electronics and electrical
engineering: Dr John H Freez, microbiology: Dr James Hough, natural
shilosophy: Dr Robin Les, electronics,
surgery: Mr Dopper research: Dr John
O Skullkrom, natural philosophy: Dr
Rex R Whitehead, natural philosophy:
Dr Brian Whiting, materia medica: Dr
Henry Y Wong, serommitics and fluid
mechanics.
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Henry Y Wong, seromantics and fluid mechanics.

Promoted to reader: Dr Alexander Broadle, philosophy: Dr Simon C Garrod, psychology: Dr Robert P Carroll, biblical studies: Dr Wahe H Balekifan, European law: Dr James McCullotch, Welsome Surgical hastitute (neuroscience): Dr Michael Beaumont, social economic research, politics economic research. Promoted electronic economic properties and Michael Beaumont, social economic properties and Michael Beauton (Michael Beauton). Beauton (Michael Beauton) and Beauton (Michael Beauton) and Beauton (Michael Beauton) and Beauton (Michael Beauton). Beauton (Michael Beauton) and Richerton. Helhertongton Language Centre: Dr Warwick A Edwards, music: Rev John K Riches, biblical studies: Dr Roderick A M Galbraith, aeronautics and fluid mechanics. Dr John M Arnold, electronics and electrical engineering:

BORGAN - On March 29th, after a sudden and short filmess. Hugh Thomas Morgan of 55 Llandermis Avenue. Cyntoed. Cartiff, beloved husband husband of the late Irene, devoted father of Hugh Marsden, and father-in-law of Amanda, dearly loved grandfather of Richard. Zoe and Charles. Funeral on Friday April 4th. Enguires to James Summers. Roath Court. Cardiff, telephone 0222 484506.

MOSS - On March 27th, peacefully in Sussex, Dorothy (Dot) wife of late L1. Col. Harry (Hottle) de Vera Moss (Indian Army) and loving mother of Dolores and Peter, and much loved grandmother Cremation at Eastbourne at 2.30 pm, on Tuesday 8 April:

bourne at 2.30 pm, on Tuesday 8 Abril:

MUIR Richard George, paacefully on Good Friday after a long litness, beloved husband of Clocky Loving father and grandfather

HAYLOR on Easter Sunday, peacefully, Dorothy Isabel Durning Naylor, beloved wife of the late Thomas Homphrey Naylor, and dearly loved mother of Christopher. Murray Carolyn, and Mary Anne: and step mother of Peter Cremation grivate Service of Thanksgiving followed by interment at Leighton Parish Church, Weishpool, at 2.45 pm friday 11th April Family Dowers only

PATON On Thursday March 27th suddenly Oct (Church) Scott Palon of Waishingham Notfolk, son of late David and Madeletine Pation of Hampstead loved by John and Mot Mother Caroline.

late David and Madeleine Paior of Hampslead foved by John and Mol the David and Caroline Requient Mass Thursday April 3rd, 2 30pm Church of the Annunciation Walsingham Family Rowers only Donathons if desired to Charity of Own Choice Sambford David March in her Skin year Loving and loved namity to three generations Requient Mass 2 30pm Friday 4th April at Nazareth House Hammersmith Enquiries and Bowers to J F Fleicher Telephone OI 603 5811

Telephone OI 603 5811

SCORGIE - On Easter day peacefully.
Mersyn Nelson Scorgie D B E aged
70 years a dearly loved brother and
Unche Family funeral with memorial
service to be arranged

TEMPLE on March 28th peacefully.
William Temple of Black Charles.
Underriver Sevenoals Kent Dearly
loved father grandfather and great
orandfather Funeral private no
flowers but donations if desired to
the Barristers Benevolent Associa
tion Grays Ing & South Square
London WC I

Born in Jedburgh - the local history of the Advocates' Li-

Beattie was also a learned burgh University.

He was for four years an Assistant Librarian in Edinburgh University Library beseveral papers on the subject. fore moving to the newlyfounded National Library of
Scotland, where he became liographical Society, an
Keeper of Printed Peaks in organisation whose revival in the 1930s was very largely due to his successful efforts as honorary secretary and editor. He was President of the

Beattie, who held honorary in the historic premises of the doctorates from St Andrews Advocates' Library to the and Trinity College, Dublin, was made a titular professor by Edinburgh University in 1967 and soon after his retirement from the National Li-brary he became the first Director of the university's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, where his

. In 1932 he married Agnes Wood, who died in 1979 after many years of ill health, and is survived by two of their three daughters. The marriage of his eldest daughter to a Norwe-gian reiaforced his interest in Scandinavian life and literature, and in 1977 he received the St Olaf's medal, an honour various papers and in his that gave him special pleasure.

By then Miss Ditmas was

MISS EDITH DITMAS

Miss Edith Ditmas, who has she continued to edit the died aged 90, was a pioneer in modern documentation and communications during a long career with the Association of Documentation uniting a long career with the Association of Documentation uniting a long career with the Association of Documentation uniting the Survey of and Documentation uniting the Survey of and Documentation uniting the Survey of tion of Special Libraries and tion on International Affairs. Information Bureaux, now the Association for Information concentrating on her first and

Ditmas was appointed general secretary (and later first director) of the association in 1933

Arthur, Her books, Gareth of Orksecretary (and later first direc-tor) of the association in 1933 and was uniquely fitted for the task. The organisation had already published its *Directo-*ry, and its new general secre-or meticulous research and tary, with her accurate and evaluation of both old and wide-ranging perception, new theory, were of deceptivequickly recognised the poten-tial for modern documentatial for modern documenta-tion of the emerging publication of two booklets on technology of microfilm and tape-recording.

Her interest led to the publication of two booklets on the Glastonbury legends, an-other on Drake's Drum, and a

tape-recording. Throughout the Second history of the village of Ben-World War, though twice son in Oxfordshire, completed

bombed out of her London when she was 87. home, she kept the association She donated her library, alive and growing, even using papers and research material her own money when funds to the National Library of dried up. After her retirement, Wales.

MR JOHN MANN

Mr John Mann, CBE, who the organisation of resistance died on March 5 at the age of in Norway. 75, had a distinguished career in husiness and public service.

After rettrement to the Unilever he was busy in various forms of public services.

Educated at Bristol Grammar School and Merton College, Oxford, where he read
Honour Moderations and wallous forms of purpose.

Valious forms of purpose vice. He was a member of the Council of Loughborough University which, only a few days before his death, invited Greats, he joined Unilever as a management trainee and rose to be a member of the board. His career was mainly in marketing, advertising and personnel training.

Royal Artiflery and the Spewhere he was concerned with

him to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. He was Chairman of the

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Food, Drink and Tobacco Training Board, Chairman of During the Second World Management College (and War he spent six years in the then a life vice-president), a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Companion of the cial Operations Executive, British Institute of Management

WARMAN - On the 28th March 1986, Heiena, of Clemerness Avenue. Bournemouth, during convalescence at Dunster. Before de mother of Joan, and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Fuperal service will lake place at the Bournemouth Crematorium. 11.45 a.m. on Friday April 4th. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to the R.N.L.I. C/O Hawkes & Sons. Dunster. Somerset. Telephone 821235.

WATKUES on 31st March 1986 soci-denly but peacefully with his family in Abinger, Serrey, Norman Ainsile Watldns of Easton-In-Gordano, Bris-tol, Much loved hissband of Yvoruse, loving father of Vivian, grandfather of Sarah and Sophie, and devoted brother of Sanny Family Service-has been held in Abinger A Memori-al Service is to be arranged in Bristol, which will be announced later

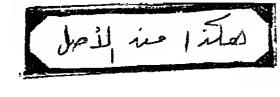
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THE ARTS

Television

A human drama at its most genuine

Standing Up for Joe (BBC1) was the story of a five-year-old boy whose cerebral palsy had apparently coalmed him to half-life without hope. "All we had been offered", his father said, "were condolences and sympathy." But these were not enough. Joseph's parents did not trust the platitudes of their doctors, and decided to move to Budapest, where a treatment known as "conductive education" has been estab-lished at the Peto Institute. They did this in the face of established opinion which counsels patients and discour-

ages optimism in such cases; but low expectations breed low rewards. As Thomas Chatter ton is supposed to have said, "God has sent his creatures into the world with arms long enough to reach anything if they choose to be at the trouble seek it". And so the Horsleys rented a small flat and waited to see if Joseph would be accepted at the Institute. As a record of courage and determination it was quite extraordinary; as a celebration of parental care and tenderness it had a power that defied analysis.

At the Institute were the spastic children once diag-nosed as "incurable", little bundles of humanity generally left in the half-light of institutions — a light in which no one can see, or care for, their potential. But here "70 per cent of the children leave the Institute to lead normal lives"; and last night's documentary became not only an account of one family's attempt to give new life to their child but also

It was an extraordinary film and not less so because of its modest and quite unsensation al production, even though it showed children literally taking their first steps - steps which would otherwise have been denied them. This was ental or artificial sense

And Joseph himself began to improve - "He seems", his mother said, "to be coming out of a long sleep." And the other children sang "Jee is standing upright like a candle?. It was ing, but even as one watched there also came the tions: Why cannot the same treatment be available here for spastic children? Why are they consigned to lives without hope when there is hope to be found elsewhere?

Peter Ackroyd

Ariane Mnouchkine (right), whose adaptation of Klaus Mann's Mephisto opens at the Barbican tomorrow, is a

theatrical legend for her piercing vision and radical individuality: Irving Wardle met her at her home base on the outskirts of Paris for this exclusive interview

An artist's response to guilt and complicity

first met Ariane Mnouchkine in 1971 during the run of her production of 1789 at the Roundhouse — the one and only appearance of ber troupe, Le Theatre du Soleil, in this country. It was also the first and greatest exercise we have seen in promenade performance, and an explosion of revolutionary hope that brought down the curtain on the age of euphoria: 1789 and 1968 were both wrapped up in its slogan, "La Révolution doit s'arrêter à la perfection du bonheur".

My only donbt was over her decision to cast Gracchus Babeuf as her principal spokesman for liberty and happiness, given Babeuf's postrevolutionary decree advocating for-ced labour and perpetual slavery for class enemies, as quoted in Herzen's Memoirs. I drew this passage to Mnouchkine's attention. Who was Mnouchkine's attention. "Who was this Herzen?" she asked. I said he edited The Bell and was a prime force in international agitation against the Tsarist government. "Aha", she said, "but was he a friend of Marx?" So much for Herzen.

Last week I met her again: this time at her base in the Cartoucherie de Vincennes, the old cartridge depot on the outskirts of Paris where the presence of three other theatres and a riding stables do little to dispel the air of blighted desolation peculiar to abandoned military installations. She took me over her theatre, showing off the set for the current production of Helène Cixous's Histoire terrible mais inochevée de Narodom Sihanouk, roi de Cambodge It was beautiful. But my memory, went back to the jugglers, fire-eaters and jubilant crowds of 1789 at the sight of hundreds upon hundreds of blank-faced Cambodian dolls all round the stage and auditorium, mute witnesses to the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot - assuredly a friend of Marx.

Between these productions, the company has evolved through collec-

tive work to Molière and Shakespeare, and - most immediately - Mnouchkine's adaptation of Klaus Mann's Mephisto, which reaches the Barbican tomorrow in the not-too-distant wake of Gordon McDougall's 1981 Oxford-Roundhouse production and the Istvan Szabo film.

Something clearly has changed in the 15 years between Babeuf and Sianouk, but pressing Mnouchkine for details is a delicate matter as she is apt to turn on a bright smile and say "I don't want to talk about that". One of the things she did not want to talk about was the film, beyond remarking that its ending contradicted that of the novel. Of her own adaptation she says: I found it in a bookshop and thought it an extraordinary story. I dido't eveo know anything about Gustav Gruendgens [the model for Mann's Nazi-collaborator protagonist]. I just wanted to tell the story about the responsibility of being an artist; and what guiltiness is, and complicity. The story isn't entirely relevant to demo-cratic countries. You should not compare what's not comparable; and Nazi Germany is not comparable to France, with all France's defects. But what happened is still part of our history, and it is very English of you to ask why we should choose a German

subject.
"We turned to one-author texts because we'd gone as far as we could with collective work in L'Age d'or [1975]. My job is to put the focus where it should be, and in that piece I couldn't because the company were so eager to display what they'd created, The limit in collectivity is the lack of poetry in the text - so it has to be everywhere else instead. In the beginning I accepted that. But now poetry is my priority; and if there is poetry in the text it gives birth to the poetry of bodies and gestures. The collective piece I liked most was 1793 - the



Cartoucherie, but it was structured to be more contradictory and painful; more true. We began to grow up.

"We turned to Shakespeare because he is a school; and it's natural to go back to school after a certain leogth of time. For us, his content is more legendary than political: his way of presenting events gives us a model from which historical theatre also becomes a possibility for us. But that has nothing to do with Sihanouk; nothing legendary about his story, it's a terrible reality.

During the four years of their Shakespeare phase (1981-84) the company were continuously in work. Now, with the change of government and the departure of the arts minister Jack Lang (who doubled their subsidy of two million fraocs in 1981), there is a shadow over their future; and, when Sihanouk completes its tour of the summer arts festivals, they will have to disband for four months to "pay debts instead of paying ourselves". There is strong pressure oo Mnouchkine to increase the company's output: "We resist it and do things when we want to do them. We are not Civil Service actors, and I am still a radical."

I say I no longer know what that word means. "I do", she replies, and defines it as an attachment to the principles she set out with - "equal salaries for all; moral equality at work; company meetings to decide on l'initiative de l'equipe, profouod respect for the public; a od respect for the money we are given, which is not to be wasted on anything we don't believe

About 12 of the original company are still with her. She still takes oo inexperienced applicants, partly on the strength of their readiness to do manual work. (I could believe this, as our interview took place to an incessant background of harmmering sequel to 1789. It only played at the and electric drilling.) "Some people"

troupes. They start along the same lines as our theatre, but they change very quickly. I'm not saying that all they do is bad, but they're less stubborn than I am."

This statement abruptly brings us back 10 Mephisto and to Mnouchkine's film Molière (shown oo French television in 1976-77 to an estimated audience of two million): two studies of an actor-manager at once under pressure from an autocratic regime while himself ruling the lives of his own theatrical community. I remind her of a debate in 1972, and her reply to a heckler who said that what happens before a play reaches the public has nothing to do with the spectators: "It is as much your concern to know how a play has been done as it is to know whether or not the sugar you drink in your coffee has been produced by slavery"

That is still her belief, she says: the conditions in which something is created leave an indelible imprint on the finished product. "But it's harder to hold on to that belief now because the moral environment is so different. Everyone would have said the same thing at that time. Now everyone says what the heckler said; not least the leftwing newspapers. The company is still searching for ways of working together in the greatest possible harmony. But there are times when I feel an anachronism.

Does the Théâtre du Soleil still play in strike-bound factories and other working-class locations? An expressioo close to bitterness crosses her face. "We would like to go to such places if we are desired. If, one day, the workers said 'We would really like you to come' we would go. But I'm not going to say 'Please let us play for you' because I know it's useless. They have changed too. If they want the theatre, they can make the effort to come to

Concerts

Return of irony

vengeance. Still, it all seemed of Boulez's own programme. rather tasteless, this on- At the last concert of the abashed hype from some of the very people who had all but run the orchestra's music director out of town on a rail not a decade ago. Perhaps, onc thought. Zubin Mehta's lacklustre tenure has finally given New Yorkers a just appreciaso, it might prove to be this music director's most lasting and significant accomplishment. Thus, the final stop on Pierre Boulez's American tour with his Ensemble Inter-Contemporain, which had taken him to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and Boston, held the added interest of

Much of the baggage Boulez brought with him — which included the latest version of Répons, performed in the Columbia University gymnasium, and a fascinating programme of Donatoni, Hoeller, Carter and Ligeti, all stunningly rendered by the ensemble has already been heard in London and on the Continent. The festival also featured Philharmonic performances of other Boulez works: Rituel, in subscription series onder Mehta, and Improvisations sur Mallarme, in the coocluding series with Boulez.

Perhaps it is too much to expect Philharmonic subscription audiences to warm even now to Boulez the composer and, sure ecough, the reaction to these works was just like the old days. Held in their seats hy the prospect of Mozart in the second half of Mehta's programme, they squirmed

"Boulez is back!" screamed through Rituel, and many the New York Philharmonic's hooted the composer lustily at announcements. Well, he was its close. Improvisations, in back, briefly, and with a contrast, was the second half series, perhaps 20 per cent of the patrons had defected at the interval, and as many fled noisily after each of the first two movements; the remaining 40 per ceot cheered loudly

at the close. A final touch of irony was no doubt lost on most of the Philharmonic faithful, who. not having ventured to the Columbia gym (where the crowd was predominantly young), cannot have known how approachable much of Boulez's writing has become: the subscribers had to endure the more forbidding (though hardly unrewarding) earlier

As for Boulez the conductor, the audience response was mostly polite, and the Philharmonic's playing was suffi-ciently disciplined and dis-tinguished (except for those accursed horns) to recall the glories of the former director's tenure (1971-77). Not, certainly, that he conducted everything well in those days; hut what he did well he did superbly, and his programme here - with Stravinsky's Song of the Nightingale and Debussy's Jeux - played admirahly to his strengths.

So the provocateur's touted first return caught the attention, if not always the fancy, of New York listeners, and - to use one of his favourite words - he doubtless found the

> James R. Oestreich

Gabrieli Quartet Wigmore Hall

String quartets and solo violinists rarely work together, Perhaps the touch of "artistic temperament" traditionally associated with the great quartet leader is also liable to reoder him psychologically incapable of playing second fiddle while someone else steals his glorious flight through the leger-lines. But Kenneth Sillito is clearly a leader of uncommon generosity, for here the Gabrieli Quartet cooperated happily with both the Dutch violinist Emmy Verhey and the American pianist William Naboré, allowing us to savour one of Romantic chamber repertoire,

Chausson's Concerto. The piece oozes with the liebested sort of passion favoured in the 1880s, grafted (a little uneasily at times) on to the French suite tradition to which its title alludes. Wagner is the influence behind the exhausting obsession with modulations (about two every bar in the opening move-ment), and a Franckian cyclic form is also applied rather earnestly, but Chausson's rav-

theme, declaimed in characteristically rich-timbred oc-

ing meladies owe nothing to

anybody else.

From the first striding taves hy the quartet, then more tremulously echoed on Miss Verhey's G string, these performers seemed to hit exactly the right idiom. The two central movements were particularly well characterized. In the lilting, insidiously eatchy Sicilienne one could admire the rapport between soloist and leader, or the violist lan Jewel, as they duetted eloqueotly over Nabore's suitably opulent arpeggios. The work's most purple patch, however, undoubtedly comes at the passacaglia's climax in the Grave movement, and this was properly raw and thrilling. The performance's only faults were ones of overexuberance, and this was true also of a notably gutsy, if occasionally inelegant, ac-count of Schubert's Rondo in

A for violin and quartet (better known in its less authentic orchestral version), where Miss Verbey was rightly dominant. A terse and dramatic reading of Beethoven's Op 95 Quartet provided a good contrast to the other two, essentially lyrical, works.

Richard Morrison

Pope/Rendall Wigmore Hall

dashing Matteo in Coveot Garden's Arabella, found himself on Sunday with Faust, Rodolfo, Nemorino and Alf-redo on his hands as well. Arthur Davies, suddenly taken ill, was unable to take part in an evening of operatic extracts with Cathryn Pope: and, despite the disappointment, it was good have an unexpected chance to hear Rendall in concert.

Sioging a "Questa o quella", Nessun dorma", even "Che gelida manina" out of context evening. In bel canto, though, can be daunting for even a the voice still has to concen-Domingo. It is a close and trate too hard to leave much naked encounter, not a sniff of grease-paint for stimulus, not a moment's distraction for the audience. Rendall, with considerable elan and volume, enjoyed them as party pieces, and in the circumstances it was perhaps greedy to expect more. There did come a point, though, when one longed for a moment of unpredictability,

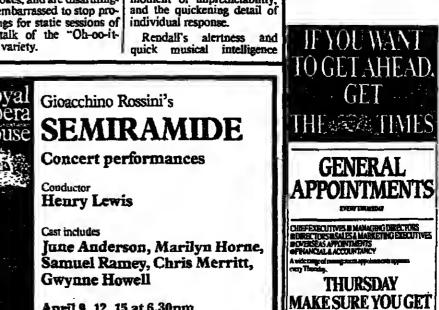
ishing textures and his sweephandled nicely, though, the stage-managing of his duets with Cathryn Pope: Traviata's "Brindisi" begged an encore, and the parting embrace of Bohème's "O soave fanciulla" David Rendall, currently a floated away elegantly back-stage. Less helpful m scenesetting was the accompanying of Paul Wynne Griffiths, too much the supportive repetiteur-pianist, too little the

imaginative orchestrator. As Cathryn Pope's recent London roles have shown, her silver soprano, shifting mercurially from the demure to the vivacious, is particularly at ome in the French repertoire. Her Manon Gavotte was quite the most stylish part of the room for expressive manipulation, with the result that the brilliance of a Gilda, Elvira or Norina is dimmed. And, for all its strength, the top of the voice, lacking in focus, needs urgent and wise direction.

Hilary Finch

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Nostalgia and a taste for the home-grown are not the least qualities of the Viennale, as **David Robinson reports**

Remembering the 'old empire'

Endearing knockabout surrealism with the papier maché of Katijubato

Forty years on: Jack Lemmon (left) and

Marcello Mastroianni in Maccheroni

provide showings for those

home-grown films with less

apparent commercial poten-

tial. This year these included

Albert Quendler's valuable

couple of laggard avant-garde efforts. Michael Pilz's Neah

best was Péter Gardos's intriguing début feature, The Philadelphia Attraction (seen at the London Festival), which describes a young circus performer's obsessive efforts to extort from an old artist the secret of his greatest act. Livia Gyarmathy's A Bit of You ... A Bit of Me is a charming and impretentious situation comedy about par-

guage of the subtitles. More significant however is. of a national festival in Wels: and there are ambitious promotional schemes for forthcoming international festivals. The Viennale itself tends to

ents falling out over the upbringing of their teenage daughter. Istvan Gáal's Orpheus and Eurydice however proved a deeply misguided effort to film Gluck in natural The Austrian cinema, remembering perhaps what a high proportion of Hollywood's finest artists were migrants from the old empire, is currently making determined efforts towards renaissance. Last year saw the inauguration

Delta II, an Austro-Hungarian co-production, combines flashy images with empty hocus-pocus - in marked contrast to the director's previous film Himmel und Erde, a sober five-hour documentary on life in an Austrian village. Tone Fink's Katiis more endearing mockabont nonsense, in which the director's own family wrestle with a surreal world of papier maché objects. Outside the festival, major local hit, breaking bouse records with a mainly teenage andience, is Niki

List's Mallers Baro, a jolly, bawdy, nonsensical musical parody of the Forties privateeye genre. A poker-faced yoong comic actor, Christian Schmidt, plays Müller, who cometimes calls himself Sam pade and has a Maltese falcon on the desk of the sloppy office which is the Mecca for slinky and sometimes dead femmes fatales. The story makes little sense, but moves fast, with a murder or a song whenever it begins to flag. The celecticism of the music - veering from hard rock to Thirties operatia to Eurovision vacuity - demonstrates how good-natured and undernanding the teenage au-dience can be so long as sustained concentration is not

A first film by Wolfram Paulus, Heidenlocher (Hideout) has won a certain critical prestige and was the Austrian entry at the Berlin Festival last month. Self-consciously "aesdocumentary portrait of Ko-koschka, Erinnerung, and a thetic", magnificently filmed in black and white, it is a sombre and somewhat confused story set in the winter of 1942, about a woman struggling to hide her deserter husband amid the tensions of an isolated village disrupted by the presence of PoWs and Gestapo. While Echo Park (currently showing in London) and Mullers Buro boost industry morale with box-office results. Heidenlocher is reassurance that Austria can still produce old-style quality

> hit British screens, it is currently relevant since a celebrated adaptation of another two works are closely related: while Bambi, written in 1923, describes the infant deer's adventures in quest of experience and maturity, Josefine Mutzenbacher relates the exactly parallel journey of discovery of a 12-year-old girl through the sexual forests of post-Imperial Vienna.

At the other end of the scale, the hit of the Viennese adultsonly cinemas is the latest of many (usually clandestine) adaptations of the most famous pornographic novel in the German language, Felix Salten's Josefine Mutzenbacher. Though the film is never likely to figure in the Viennale, or to famous Salten book, Walt Disney's Bambi, has just been reissued in this country. The

Reflecting the general trend

Italian exhibits in the Viennale were comedies. A sequel to Mario Monicelli's classic crime comedy I soliti ignoti (Big Deal on Madonna Street) might seem at this stage a melancholy idea of fun. The new film, directed by Amanzio Todini, is called I soliti ignoti ... vent'anni dopo; but the "twenty years after" is an understatement, since the original was made in 1958 and the actors -Marcello Mastroianni, Vit-torio Gassman and Tiberio Murgia – look every bit of 27 years older. The comedy is slight and the melancholy oo doubt intentional: Mastroianni comes out of gaol to find that the quality of life in the city is not what it was; Gassman as the old mastercrook has a stroke in midheist. Mastroiaoni and nostalgia are also the components of Maccheroni, a mild comedy which has Jack Lemmoo as a man returning to Italy forty years after his GI adventures

The most engaging of this group of Italian comedies was Non ci resta che piangere (Nothing to do but Cry), codirected by and featuring two variety comics who have individually made their way into films and now successfully team together. Roberto Begnini is a manic, knowing Tuscan; Massimo Troisi a handsome but daft and diffident Neapolitan lad. Taking a short cut in the country while

driving their car, they land inexplicably to the year 1492. After the first shocks, they make the best of things. Italian production, three contemplate the desirability of

introducing the water closet and give Leonardo a hint or two about the steam locomotive. Realizing the significance of the date, they embark on a mission to save the world by preventing Columbus from discovering America. Alas, the history books have the date wrong when they reach the coast. Columbus has already set sail and the damage is done. There is a primitive grace about the film that seems to derive from centuries of Neapolitan popular theatre. The comedians are charming delight io funoy costumes and rude jokes, and are disarmingly unembarrassed to stop proceedings for static sessions of cross-talk of the "Oh-oo-itisn't" variety.

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tria's only international film festival, has two aspects. It offers, mostly for the local audience, a reprise of the best of the rest of the festivals, with the familiar annual touring repertory - this year inevita-bly including Claude Lanz. mann's epic documentary of the holocaust, Shoah, Luis Puenzo's Oscar-winning The Official Story, from Argentina, and the Soviet successes of 1985. Elem Klimov's Go and See and Eldar Shengelaia's The Blue Mountains. As inevitably Britain was represented by Letter to Brezhnev and My Beautiful Laundrette, which continue to seduce the public everywhere, whatever the lan-

the panorama, which the Viennale seems to offer almost unconsciously, of films from the countries of the former empire - Hungary. Italy and Austria herself. The Hungarian selection reflected a current artistic slump; the

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The morning after. . . the GLC's last legacy





A lone figure patrolling the empty corridors of power, while a walker in Jubilee Gardens picks his way through debris left by revellers (Photographs: John Voos)

tins littering the south bank of the Thames marked the end yesterday of the largest local authority in the world (Hugh Clayton writes).

Workmen clambered nver County Hall, headquarters until midnighl nn Monday of the Greater London Council, removing banners and other reminders of 22 years of municipal administration.

For the past three years the banners have taunted Couservative parliamentarians across system. the Thames at Westminster. the Inames at Westminster. Sir Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the London residnary body, the new owners, said: "This lovely building should not be festoconed with advertising."

It will be a year at least drilled telephone operators before Connty Hall, with its quickly adopted their new 1,000 rooms and five miles of roles. corridors, is ready to be sold.

First day of the new regime

The first day after the disbanding of the County Council got off to a shakey start in the West Midlands yesterday when staff from the residuary body found they could not operate the telephones.

The staff took over at the authority. West Midlands County Hall where the County Council had a computerized lelephone

There were no switchboard operators - only security staff - and no one could work out which new executive was on what number. The situation was less mud-

dled in Yorkshire where welldrilled telephone operators

"Residuary body" they said

to callers - that was when callers could find a phone number to ring. There was total silence from the Barnsley beadquarters of South Yorkshire and also in nearby Wakefield, centre of the former West Yorkshire

In other centres yesterday the action was under way for the residuary bodies whose task is to temporarily take over the local government services provided for 18 million people.

In Greater Manchester, Mr Peter Quick, the new chief executive and former county legal officer, was doing the rounds accompanied by Mr Peter Hadfield, the quango chairman and newly-retired chairman and managing direc-

Music
Concert by the Londoo
Sinfonietta with Gyorgy Pauk
(violin); Queen Elizabeth Hall,
ECI, 7.45.

Children's concert (suitable of ages 7-13) with Lucie Skeaping and Jeremy Barlow, Purcell Room, South Bank, 3.

Jazz recital by the Jenako Five, Foyer, (2.30; Concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, 7.30; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SEI.

Concert by the Guarneri Trio; Barbican Hall, EC2, 1.

Concert by Hampshire County Youth Orchestra, Salis-bury Cathedral, 7.45.

Recital by Mary Mee (so-prano) and John Mee (organ); St Olave's, Hart St, EC3, 1.05.

Techniques: The development of oil painting, by David Bomford: The National Gallery, Trafalgar Sq. WC2. 1.
Op and Kinetic Art, by Stephen Bann, 1: Any Warhol and His Clon and Jim Dine. 2.30, Trafalgar Sq. Willhardt.

Tate Gallery, Millbank.

Heartheat of o Volcano and
Succession on Lava (films): The

Geological Museum, Exhibition Rd, SW7, 2.30.

I have a dream_ by Michael

Talks, lectures, films

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In Typeside in the north east, Mr Peter Smith, the former county treasurer now running the new Tyne and Wear residuary body, was at first confronted by a pile of post and papers 6 feet high.

One of the first problems facing the chairman of the Merseyside residuary body was what to do with two Ford Granada cars

"I should imagine they will be sold eventually," Mr Wil-liam Baldwin, former legal officer, said,

• Before its abolition Monday night, West Mid-lands County Council made a final £1.5 million gift to attract the 1992 Olympic Games to Birmingham.

'a source of viruses'

By Pearce Wright

Science Editor New pictures of Halley's . comet, taken by one of the world's most powerful tele-scopes on Monday night, confirm a theory that viruses and bacteria originate in outer

The claim was made yesterday by two eminent astronomers, Professor Chandra Wickramssinghe and Sir Fred Hoyle, based on a study of the first infra-red pictures of the Halley's comet obtained by the 154-inch Anglo-Australian

Telescope, at Siding Spring, New South Wales. For more than 10 years, the two astronomers have pursued the idea that comets carry living organisms to Earth, providing the source of viruses

unexplained epidemics ranging from influenza to whooping cough and animal diseases.
The astronomers say that

confirmation of their theory comes in a preliminary report flashed around the world to major observatories and universities via a special astronomy intelligence network.

The observations of the

infra-red radiation were planned after the encounter three weeks ago between the European Gietto spacecraft and the comet, when it was discovered that the nucleus was velvet black in colour and that it might consist of carbonlike material, overturning the widely held view that comets are mainly icy snowballs en-crusted with dest.

Spring who analyzed the infra-red "fingerprint" of Halley's comet found that the same patterns can be reproduced in laboratory experim

According to Professor Wickramasinghe, "the infra-red analyses are identical to those obtained io the laboratory", when particles of organic material, which are the building blocks of bacteria and viruses, are subjected to the type of conditions which

Details of the laboratory experiments which coincide with the new findings are published today in Viruses from Space, written by the two with Dr John Watkins, an

France to withdraw observers in Beirut

From Diana Geddes Paris

The new right-wing French Government is withdrawing its remaining 45 military observers from strife-torn Beirut within the next few days 🐬 because they are no longer able to carry out their mission

properly. The decision to withdraw marks a shift in the French position of supporting the Government of President GemayeL

ft has been seen by some as also marking the beginning of what could become a total disengagement of France from Lebanon, even though there has been no talk of withdrawing the 1,400 French soldiers in Unifil, the United Nations peace-keeping force, in the south of the country.

The decision was said to have followed the death of the seventh observer in an am-bush at the mission's Beirut headquarters on March 12, four days before the victory of the right in the French elec-tions and one week before the formation of the new Government under M Jacques Chirac. But M Chirac has been credited with the decision, which fits in with his ex-

pressed view that France should take as few risks as possible in Lebanon. Although the kidnappers have never mentioned the

withdrawal of the observers as one of their specific kidnap demands, both the Shia Mus-lims and the Syrians, who are thought to be close to them, have repeatedly called on France to stop "interfering" in Lebanese affairs. BEIRUT: France's decision

to withdraw its 45 military observers from here gives Lebanon's Christian and Muslim militias new free-firing zones (Our Corresponden) writes).

The move has raised wellfounded fears that the 11-yearold civil war may take a turn for the worse as the French represented the last token of international commitment to help the Lebanese solve the conflict, which by conservative estimates has niready claimed about 100,000 lives.

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Today's events

Royal engagements
Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother opens the headquarters
of the British Sporting Art
Trust, National Horse Racing
Museum, Newmarket, 12.15.

The Prince of Wales opens British Acrospace's new Space Engineering building, Filton, Bristol, 10.10; and then visits the Freeland Buildings Project of the Zenzele Self Build Housing Association, Eastville, Bristol, 2.15; later, accompanied by The Philoster of Welter by tol, 2.15; later, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, be attends the London Welsh Rugby Football Club centenary dinner, the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W1, 7,20, New exhibitions

Antidotes to Madness? work by Richard Hamilton, Nam June Paik, Ree Morton, Hannah Collins and Piotr Sobieralski; Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, W6: Tues to Sun 12 to 8 (ends Decorative batiks by Elly

be far from spineless (5). 21 Re(ationship with amiable

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24 Among the others the Prophet's son-in-law is a

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1 Team for a Jacobite rebel-

2 Ornament of the Board branching out (7).

3 How to escape scoring a duck (3.3.3).

practical type (7). 25 Rake cash_in - standard

procedure (7).

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Beckett; The Talent Store Gallery, 11 Eccleston St. SW1; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30 (ends 25 to 4.

Exhibitions in progress
Blowing in the Wind: works
in textiles, plastics and ceramics in textues, plastics and ceramics by five young artists: Lanscapes in glass, by Wendy Ramshaw, A glass interior by Christine Kirby: Scent bottles by Liz McClure; and fashion jewellery in glass by Slim Barrett; Aspects, 3/5 Whitfield St. W1; Mon to Fri 10 to 7, Sat 10 to 5 (ends

April 26) Archives of Dorset set County Museum, Dor-chester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends April 26). Fifties' Printed Textiles: Wal-

sall Museum and Art Gallery. Lichfield St. Mon to Fri (0 to 6 Sat 10 to 4.45 (ends April 12). The Print in Germany 1880-1933; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends May 4). Last chance to see

Landscapes in charcoal by

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Books - hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this Names Mast The National Commission on Disappeared People (Faber, £14.95) French Fasciam, The First Wave, 1924-93, by Robert Soucy (Yele, 222.50) Bwana Stokesi and bis African Conquests, by Nicholas Harmen (Cape,

212.95)
The Carop David Accords, by Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel (KPI, £25)
Joining the Club, A History of Jens and Yale, by Dan, A.Oren (Yole, £30)
Memours of a Thinking Radish, by Peter Medawar (Oxford, £12.50)
Studies in Post-Impressionism, by John Rewald (Thames & Hudson, £25)
The Idea of England, by Russell Chamberlain (Thames & Hudson, £9.95)
A Short History of Irlah Literature, by Seamus Deane (Hutchinson, £15)
Beatrix Potter's Journal, abridged by Glen Cavaliero (Viking, £10.95)
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TV top ten

EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 22.80m EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 22.75m Oear John 13.20m Nine O'Clock News (Wed) 12.60m Dales 12.15m Wegan (Fri) 12.00m Miss Marple:The Body in the Library 11.85m

11.85m QED 11.40m That's Life 11.40m Hancock's Haif Hour 11.15m

Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 17.85m Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.90m Vish You Were Here (Mon/Wed) Tharmes 15.60m Auf Wiederschen Per Cambral 18,55m Crossroeds (Tue) Central 13,55m Reunton at Fairborough ITV 13,20m All At Mo.20 Thames 13,10m Boon Central 13,10m Emmerdale Farm (Tue) Yorkshire 12,50m Crossroede (Manh C

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Grange Hill 7.10m
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Now - Something Else 4.40m
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Roads

London and South-east: A23: Roadworks at the junction of Brixton Rd and Acre Lane. MI: Southbound lane closnres approaching junction 6 (A405 interchange), 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. The Midlands: M1: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between junctions 15 and 16 (Northampton and Daventry). A5: Repairs between Shrewsbury and Gobowen. A446: Reconstruction of north-

bound carriageway near the A446 Coleshill bypass Wales and West: A38: North bound carriageway closed at South Brent; contraffow on southbound. A5: Major road-works in Regent St, Llangotlen; Clwyd. A470: Roadworks S of Builth Wells, temporary lights.
The North: AI (M):
Contraflow near Blyth roundabout, Yorkshire, M63: Major

widening scheme between junctions 1 and 3, Barton Bridge.
Scotland: A9: Roadworks between Larbert Cross and North Broomage; lane closures be-tween Dunblane and Duchburn. Edinburgh: Width restriction in both directions in Leith St; delays. A93: Single line traffic in North Deeside Rd. Banchory. Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

Andersen, Odense, Denmark 1805; William Holman Hunt Pre-Raphaelite, London, 1827; Emile Zola, Paris, 1840. Emile Zola, Paris, 1840.

Deaths: Sir James Clarke
Ross, Polar explorer, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire, 1862; Richard Cobdea, politician, London,
1865; C.S. Forester, novelist,
creator of Hornblower, Fullerton, California, 1966; Georges
Promitted expedidnt of Fernes.

Births: Hans Christian

Pempiden, president of France 1969-74, Paris, 1974.

Snow reports

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ITALY						
Courmayeur High winds do	110 se top		fair	heavy	fair	fine
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Weather forecast

A cool showery N or NW airstream will cover the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central , NE England, East Anglia, Mid-ands, Borders, Edinburgh, Dursme, Abertseen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Fog patches early; surny intervals and showers, some heavy with hall, steet or snow, perhaps thunder, dying out in the evening: wind variable, manily W, light or imoderate; max temp 9C (48F).

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Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Weles, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW, NE Scotland, Clasgow, Argyll, Ortonsy, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, showers, heavy and prolonged at times with hail, steet and snow, perhaps thunder; wind W or NW, light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny or clear intervels and showers, locally heavy on tomorrow; rather cold with night trusts.

Lighting-up time

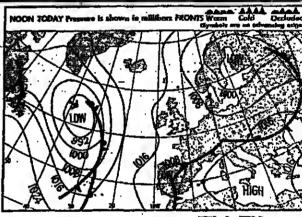
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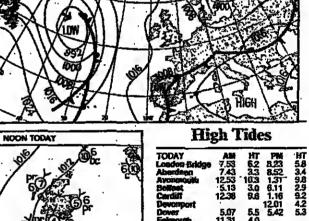
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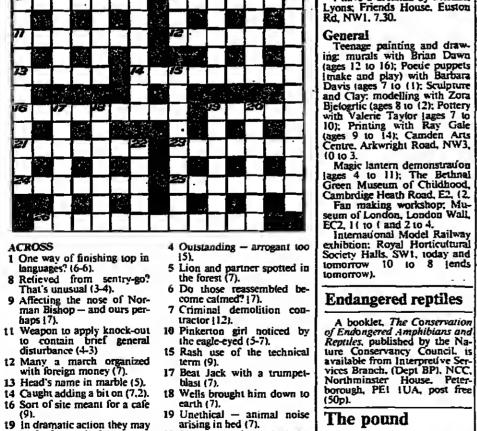
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,009

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Friendly in £6m deal

Friendly Hotels is to buy five botels from the Virani Group for a cash and shares offer totalling £5.89 million. Friendly intends raising £4.15 million in a rights issue of new convertible preference shares, of which £2.65 million will be used for the cash element of the purchase. The rest of the price is made up of 303.030 Friendly Hotels ordinary shares and £2.83 million

of new preference shares. The deal, if approved by shareholders, will give Friendly a total of seven mediumprice hotels, including the Central Hotel, Glasgow, formcrly owned by British Rail. Friendly has agreed to pay

£1.75 million rent on the lease of the Eccleston Hotel, London, part of the Virani Friendly's shares have been

suspended at the company's request to allow the new shares to be listed and for sharebolders to approve the acquisioon. Trading is likely to be resumed on April 29.

Atlantic joy

Atlanoc Computers, the computer leasing company, lifted profits from £10.5 million to £17.1 million before tax in the year to last December. Turnover was up from £96.1 million to £183 million and the final dividend is 1.75p

Tempus, page 19

Brammer up Brammer, the bearings distributor, lifted pretax profits from £10.2 million to £13.6 million io the year to December 31. Turnover was up from £86.5 million to £101 million; and the final dividend is 8p (5.25p). Tempus, page 19

Debt transfer

Century Factors, Close Brothers' debt factoring subsidiary, has taken on most of the debt portfolio of Brown Shipley Factors. The value of the debts transferred is more than £4 million, and payment for the transfer, in cash, will equal their book value, subject to certain provisional retentions.

Bid referred

The Department of Trade and Industry has confirmed that the proposed acquisition by Cope Allman of Firth Cleveland Strip will be referrred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, on the grounds that the proposal raises issues of competition in the market for hardened and tempered steel strip.

Shops project
Capital and Counties is submitting a planning applica-don for an £85 million shopping complex at Watford. The other partners in the proposed development are Watford development are Watford Borough Council and the Sun

The merger agreement un-der which SCM, the American company, became a subsidiary of Hanson Trust has been approved by SCM sharebolders. Those who did not tender their shares before the offer

Allied to pay £1.27bn for Canada's Hiram Walker

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Allied-Lyons, the British brewing and food group whose brands include Double Dia-mond beer and Tetley tea, has reached agreement with Hiram Walker Resources, the Canadian conglomerate, to buy Hiram's spirits and wines division for Can\$2.6 billion (£1.27 billion). Hiram Walker Spirits is nne

of the largest distillers in the world and has more than 100 proprietary brands, including Canadian Club whisky, Ballantine's Scotcb, Courvoisier cognac and Kahlua and Tia Maria liqueurs.

The purchase, if successfulcompleted, will increase Allied's size by around 40 per cent. Although Allied's chair-man, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, said there was nothing defensive in the move, it will have the effect of making Allied a much more difficult target for the Australian brewing group Elders IXL. Elders £1.7 billion bid for

Allied lapsed in December, when it was referred to the

American bank, is committing

hundreds of millions of

pounds to the fiercely compet-

itive home loans market in

Britain over the next year, it

Chase is planning to offer

the full range of home loans,

including repayment and en-

dowment mortgages as well as

pension home loans and re-

mortgages. The business will be conducted through a net-

work of life assurance offices

and brokers, since Chase has

no retail network in Britain.

The bank would not say

exactly how much it planned

to lend initially - a spokes-man said it would be whatever

The bank said that its move

into mortgages was part of its

overall international consum-

er banking strategy, which was

one of the main areas of

the market demanded.

announced yesterday.

Chase Manhattan, the development.



Sir Derrick: defence not the motive

Monopolies and Mergers Commission, but Elders had said it was still interested in rebidding if it gained clearance.

Sir Derrick said yesterday that Allied did not need size for protection. "We are per-fectly capable of fighting off Elders or anyone else on the strength of our own performance", he said, and added that be doubted if Elders would now bid again. The Hiram deal was

wrapped up in 10 days and

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

service, it said, with a turn-around time of 48 hours

between an application and

the initial mortgage offer. The bank already offers mortgages

in the United States, the Far

East, Europe and Australia. Chase follows other US

banks into the British home

loans business, most notably

Citibank and Chemical Bank

which entered the market over

a year ago. Last year Citibank

lent £270 million in home

Last month the British

Slough Estates, the property

company with a heavy weighting in the industrial

sector, has turned in pretax profits of £39.51 millioo for

the year ended December 31, 1985 — a 17.6 per cent improvement on £33.59 mil-

A revaluation of the £774

million portfolio shows a pal-try 1.5 per cent increase in fully diluted net asset value, to

Slough's net asset value has

been hit by £23 million cur-

rency losses. And the compa-ny says the internal valuation of the British and Canadian

properties was carried out last

September when the industri-

al market was more uncertain

lion for the previous year.

expectations.

The emphasis will be on fast

Allied approached the Canadi- Netherlands, Greece and Switan company after learning that zerland. Allied and Hiram it was on the receiving end of combined would have about an unwelcome partial offer 17 per cent of the world from Gulf Canada. Gulf has whisky market. offered Can\$32 a share to try to increase its stake in Hiram Walker to 49 per cent.

shares had anyway risen

The agreement is subject to Allied's shareholders' approval and clearance by the Office of Fair Trading and govern-ment departments in Canada and the United States. Allied. which controls about 15 per cent of the British Scotch market, largely through its Teachers brand, said the combined share of the Briosh market would still be under 25 per cent - Hiram only has about 4 per cent.

Ballantine's, however, is the world's fourth largest selling Scotch and is the market

buyers, but most choose to do

institutions with established

per cent. It is willing to

ing to 80 per cent on amounts above £200,000. The bank is

willing to lend up to £500,000

Meanwhile, Hill Samuel

The figures have been

helped by the acquisition of

office development in the City and valuable land in Berkshire

and Basingstoke, Hampshire

all buoyant sectors of the

The company intends to

restructure its finances to take

advantage of falling interest

Shugh made a net profit of

£1.1 million from the sale of

its Stock Conversion stake last

year, turnover, rental income

and sales fell to £95.66 million

from £95.81 million. The dividend will be 3.3p making

property market.

in a single loan.

clearing banks reaffirmed the merchant bank, is setting

their commitment to mort- up a new licensed deposit-

gage lending by announcing taker, to be called Hill Samuel

aggressive new packages de- Personal Finance, which will

signed to win a larger share of operate its expanding mort-

the market from the building gage lending. The new opera-societies. A large number of tion will initially lend around

foreign banks are also now £50 million in the first two keen to lend to British home years.

17% rise in profits

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Hiram Walker Spirits made operating profits of Can\$282 milbon on turnover of Allied said yesterday its Can\$1.52 billion in the year to agreement to buy the drinks August 31, 1985. Profits indivision should not be affect- creased by only 1.4 per cent ed by Gulf's offer. Hiram's over 1984 due to flatness of demand in the US, which above the offer price to accounted for 56 per cent of Can\$35 on the Canadian stock Hiram's sales.

Allied has not detailed yet how it intends to pay for its purchase, but a mixture of debt and equity is expected to be used. Allied's gearing at the end of 1985-86 was 25 per cent, giving the company scope to raise its borrowings significantly. The company also said that whatever method of financing was used, there would be no earnings dilution.
Allied said the combination

of the two wines and spirits divisions would give much greater muscle in the market place with stronger distribu-

Chase Manhattan millions **Companies 'face 33%** enter UK home loans war

The association called for a consider 100 per cent loans on amounts up to £50,000, sink-

> New business rate poundages, including county pre-cepts, were in 19 instances over 250p in the pound and 18 were between 200p and 250p in the pound.

Among those areas with rate rises of more than a quarter are: Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Wakefield and Rotherham in the Yorkshire and Humberside area; Bolton and Blackpool in the North-west; Derby in the East Midlands; Cambridge in East Anglia; and, in the south, Aylesbury Vale with two other Buckingbamshire districts. Many county council precepts show

The association said rate capping could not be relied on to protect business ratepayers. li had been applied only 10 a limited number of local authorities, mostly in inner London. The association called for would operate as an autono- a business rates ceiling to be

rate rises'

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

retail ontlets. The banks have Rate increases of up to 33 then simply to provide the per cent are hitting businesses outside the Greater Londoo area, according to a survey by Chase is offering an initial the Association of British Chambers of Commerce. mortgage rate for repayment and endowment loans of 12.25

ceiling on rates increases and more consultation by local authorities with business ratepayers. It said the latest rate rises imposed more burdens on businesses at a time when the fall in oil prices had opened a window of opportunity for British industry to improve its output, exports

and thus employment. The association told Mr Kenoeth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, in a letter. "If a business cannot put up its prices to meet rate increases - and this in present circumstances is both uodesirable and difficult - it must either cut back investment existing jobs".

The survey, out yesterday, showed there were swingeing increases outside the London area, the capital having benefited from the rate support grant, the association said.

the Heimlace portfolio last year from Wimpey Property Holdings at a discount of about 21 per cent, for £15 million. That gives Slough an Out of 50 rate increases tracked for important industrial areas outside London, 14 had rises of more than 20 per cent. 18 were up between 15 and 20 per cent, 11 were between 10 and 25 per cent and only seven had rises under 10 per cent.

would operate as an autono-mous unit without job introduced as a fixed thresh-old above the rate of inflation.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

N Sea oil nightmare still has to sink in

oilmen in his blackest hour serinusly believed that the oil price would fall below \$10 a barrel. Curiously, oot many seem to believe it even now, despite the evidence of the market. Brent futures for June dipped to \$9.80 over the hiliday weekend, and there can be no assurances that this represents the bottom.

The sinking nil price seems to be regarded as a temporary aberration by most of the producing companies that have reported results in the last few weeks. There is a touching faith that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will come to the rescue with production controls.

There is still a chance that Opec may be able to agree on a strategy to stabilize prices. But most of the very considerable ground the oil price has already lost to competitive forces can be regarded as lnst irretrievably.

In the short term, while supply so decisively exceeds demand, there seems to be nothing to stop the oil price from falling further. Even at today's very low prices, the amount of production being cut is derisory.

There is oow a very real possibility that the oil price will become more volatile, while remaining below \$15 a barrel. On present trends, an average for 1986 as a whole of as little as \$12 a barrel could be on the cards. Good news for the consumer, but a disaster for the North Sea companies.

Asset values are hit oo two fronts. Not only do they fall as the oil price falls, but many deposits cease to be ecocomically recoverable and have to be removed from the asset value calculation altogether. In these circumstances, much of the asset

backing for share prices melts away. To give discounted present values of estimated revenues from proven and probable reserves based on yearend prices as Tricentrol did at the time of the preliminary results is standard American practice. But a fall in oil prices of the magnitude seen since the year end renders the Sea oil industry.

Tricentrol shows the efffect of an \$18 oil price, which is its estimate of 1986 prices. But by the the time of the announcement, the price of Brent had fallen to \$12.50 and it would have been interesting to see the impact of this on the discounted cash

lo the face of dwindling cash flows, the nil independents' first priority is to survive. Sovereign omitted what would have been its first dividend payment. Tricentrol cut its dividend tn a tnken lp, when arguably it should have passed it altogether. Everywhere, exploration is being pared back to the bare minimum, and developments are being shelved.

Of the larger independents, only Enterprise Oil has still to report its 1985 results and is due tn do so tomorrow. With its strong balance sheet and rising production profile, it is unlikely to cut its final dividend. Depending on the level of exploration write-offs, oet income for the year to December 1985 is expected tn be up slightly on 1984 at some £63 million.

But even Enterprise, whose oil output is expected to be up by 9 per cent next year, must feel uncomfortable at the prospect of oil at below \$15 per barrel. If it stays at these levels, a cut in the 1986 dividend may be inevitable.

In the event of a prolonged period of low oil prices, many of the North Sea production companies will fail to stay the course. Ironically, the two companies most likely to survive on their own merits. Enterprise and Britoil, are protected from takeover anyway by the Government's "golden shares".

Tricentrol is not so fortunate, and Trafalgar House is already sniffing at the prey. It announced a 5 per cent holding in Tricentrol yesterday, causing the shares to leap 10p to 80p. This may be the opening salvo in the biggest shakeout yet seen in the North

Belt-tightening at Opec

Whatever the impact of falling oil prices on British government revenues, it pales in comparison with the damage wrought to the national finances of the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries. An analysis by Graham Bishop and Paul Mlotok of Salomon Brothers demonstrates the direct effect on Opec's ability to finance growing current account deficits, which they now see as the key constraint.

It seems clear - according to their analysis - that Opec as a group cannot finance a current account deficit much in excess of \$10 billion a year. Even Saudi Arabia, the authors point out, was by 1984 running a current account deficit of \$24 billion, or 22 per ceot of national income - equiva-lent to an \$800 billion deficit for the United States. Opec's huge deficit on services is not easy to cut, consisting as it does largely of interest payments and remittances to foreign workers. So imports will have to bear the brunt

of Opec's struggle to contain its deficit.

Taking \$15 a barrel as the average price for oil this year, the authors calculate that Opec would have to cut billion last year to \$45 billion this in order to keep its current account deficit down to \$10 billion.

Taking a \$10 per barrel oil price as the average for 1986, the cut is eveo more dramatic: down to only \$19 billioo this year. In later years, this analysis suggests, imports could rise again a little, as demand for oil increases in response to lower prices.

But the savage nature of the cuts required this year is further illustrated by expressing imports as a percentage of 1973 levels. Last year, Opec imported more that two and a half times as much as it did in 1973; with an average nil price of only \$10, it could afford to import a mere 39 per cent of its 1973 level of imports.

New legal | Slough Estates shows challenge by Argyll By Jeremy Warner Mr James Gulliver's Argyll

supermarkets group yesterday began a new legal challenge to the agreed £2.5 billion takeover bid by Guinness for Distillers, claiming that it ran counter to European Econom-ic Community law.

Argyll which has made a fully diluted net asset value, to rival £2.5 billion bid for 202p, below market Distillers, said it had been advised by the Dean of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland, Mr David Prosser, that the proposed merger was pro-hibited by Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome. Proceedings are to begin today in the Edinburgh Court of Session.

Article 86 deals with abuses of a dominant market position within the Common Market. Guinness and Distillers have already satisfied British government concern about the effects of the merger on compeution in the drinks market

It is open to any any third party which may be harmed by a breach of EEC law to apply either through the Brit-ish courts or the European Commission for relief.

Argyll said it was beginning proceedings in Scotland

253p (+15p) 545p (+30p) 824p (+15p) 370p (+12p) 560p (+36p)

closed will receive \$75 a share.

by promising to sell off a number of whisky brands, but they may still be at fault under Alliance Insurance group. Hanson deal

5.5p for the year. than it is now. STC makes £26m sale By Lawrence Lever

STC, the troubled telecom- third party computer munications and computer rationalisation with the sale of Computer Field Maintenance

- a computer maintanance company — to the Granada
Group for £26 million in
cash.The sale follows STC's
£10 million sale of its maintanance business called Telebank TV rental business to Granada and job cuts of 8,000 last year. CFM,the market leader in losses.

group, is continuing its its of £1.5 million last year on a turnover of £12.5 million. Net assets at the end of 1985 were £3.2 million and it has

Microcare, said that CFM

Oil fall 'will hit Eastern bloc's growth and export earnings' By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The sharp fall in world oil ern Europe in these circum-rices has produced signifi- stances could take steps to prices has produced significant changes in prospects for nies, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for

But while the effect is an almost unequivocal bonns for Western Europe, the Eastern bloc countries will suffer a loss of export earnings and lower

Western Europe. The survey's conclusions for Western Europe are in line with the recently published forecasts. Growth in the European Community should be around 3.5 per cent this year, and the sharp drop in oil prices has brought the market economies of the EEC into n non-inflationary situation, the re-

the Soviet Union suffered a growth setback last year, with economic performance below that set out in annual plan targets. Unlike in Western prices does not improve the

The five-year plans of the Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania, envisage average annual growth of 4.6 per cent during 1986-90, compared with an outturn of 2.2 per cent in 1981-85.

with growth of 3.2 per cent annually in 1981-85. But the sharp fall in oil prices will hit the Eastern bloc's hard currency earnings

in the West, the report says. In 1985, the Soviet Union earned about \$12 billion from oil sales to the market economies. Oil exports account fo around 60 per cent of total Soviet exports to the Western industrialized countries. Hard currency earnings on oil could

be halved by the sharp drop in

The result, according to the report, is that lower oil prices mean new economic uncertain ty for the centrally planned economies. And, while growth in the economies of Eastern Europe may not fall far short of that in the West, it will be below the projections of state



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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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port says.

The UN's Economic Survey of Europe, published annually, is the only major study and forecasts for both Eastern and

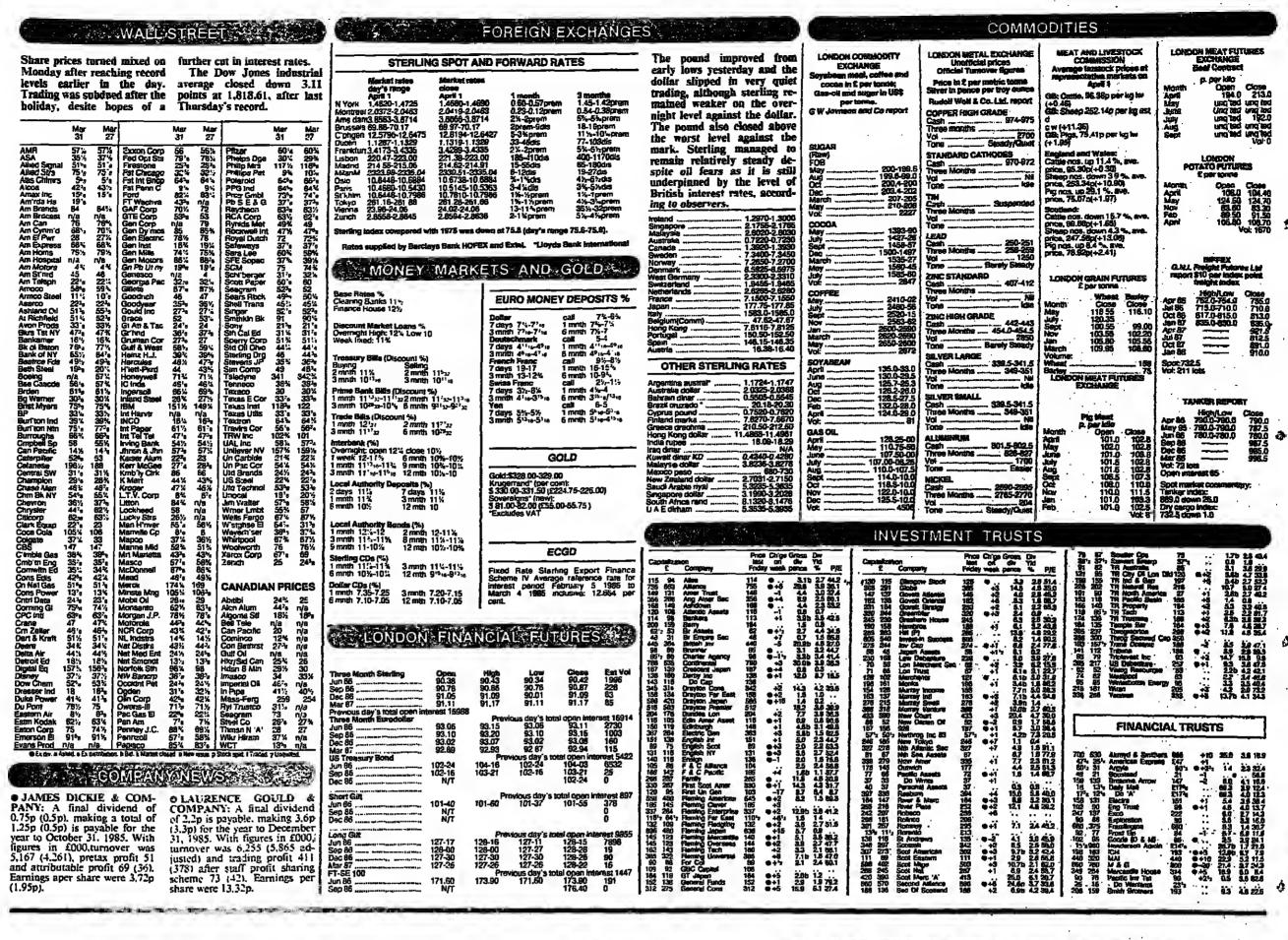
further improve growth, although the strong growth already in prospect should result in lower levels of unemployment, the report says. The centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe and

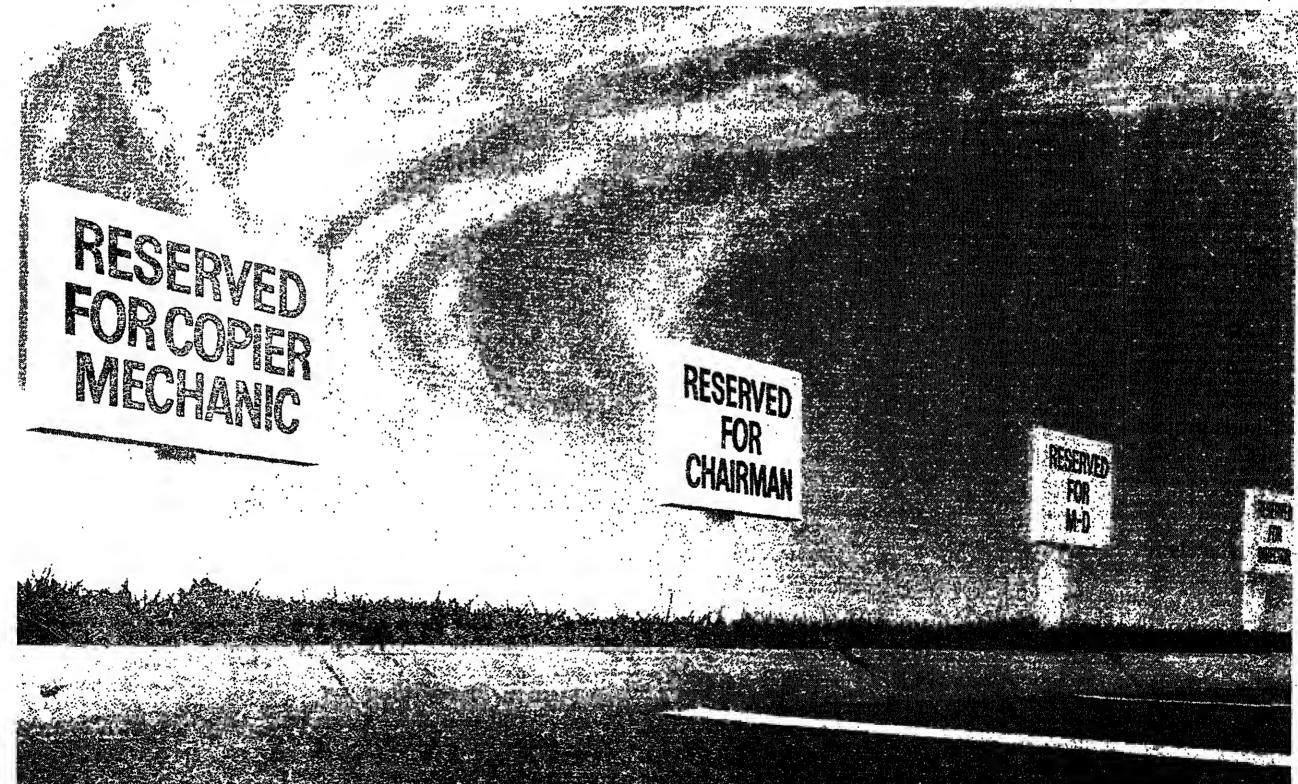
Europe, the drop in world oil short-term growth prospects Eastern European economies the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland and

of the CPA mad a non-inflationary situation, the re-port says.

The governments of West-year is planned, compared

The gross external debt of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union totalled \$96 billion at the end of last year.





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Atlantic cuts down its reliance on IBM

be a mixed blessing. Atlantic claims and counterclaims Computers, which yesterday announced profits of £17.1 million before tax, up from £10.5 million, has clearly has risen, Newman Tonks benefited from the connec shares have stock at around tion in the past. Over half of last year's profit came from IBM-related husiness, specifically the supply of IBM computer systems on long

The other side of the coin is that Atlantic can hardly fail to be hit by the expected slowdown in IBM business in the second and third quarters unusual move, the joint broof this year. It is confident, however, of a recovery towards the end of the year.

Atlantic claims that the effect of the current round of IBM price cuts is marginal, hut in the long term they must tend to make customers increasingly reluctant to take up long leases from Atlantic when there is a likelihood that by the end of the lease prices on the open market will have fallen significantly.

This means that progress in the future could be slower. This year will not have the benefit of 12 orders for large computer systems based on the new IBM Sierra processor, as did last year. There will, however, be growth overseas following the start of an American operation and an increased contribution from the newly acquired British distributor to Digital Equipment Corporation. In addition, the company hopes to make two or three

acquisitions. Increasing diversification makes Atlantic less reliant on . IBM and reduces the proportion of profits coming from the company's residual interests in leased computers. Last year this fell dramatically from 60 per cent to 12 per cent after provisions, but next year the proportion should rise again to about 25

The general trend, however, is towards better quality earnings. With that in mind a multiple of just seven times earnings, assuming profits of £23 million in 1986, with the shares at 295p, looks fair.

McKechnie Bros/ **Newman Tonks**

The gloves are off at last in takeover hid by McKechnie Brothers for the Newman Tonks Group. The offer closes on Sunday. A McKechnie shareholders to in effectively rejecting public row about Newman wonder whether it was sensi. Bunzl's bid in favour of the Tonks's American furnover ble to block the Williams bid acquisition of ESE.

• STAFFORDSHIRE .

POTTERIES (HOLDINGS): Interim dividend 1.33p (1p). With figures in £000, pretax profit for the six mouths to October 31 was 678 (651). Earnings per share basic 7.7p (6.3), fully diluted 5.4p (4.5).

INDUSTRIAL SCOTLAND ENERGY: The chairman, Mr. I all Bisser wild their the collarse.

M. Bisset, said that the collapse in oil prices was likely to lead to a decrease in 1986 revenues and

would result in cuts in exploration programmes, slowing the discovery rate of reserves.

• ELECTROLUX: The bid to acquire White Cons was con-ditional on the owners of at least

ditional on the owners of at least
8.7 million shares accepting the
offer by March 28. The owners
of 10.9 million shares had by
March 26 accepted the offer,
which ensured its success.

• UNIDARE: Allied Irish
Investment Bank is placing
6.281 million Unidare ordinary

shares (66 per cent) at 175p a share with Dublin institutional

investors. Alcan has disposed of

its entire stake.

• MARTIN CURRIE PACIFIC TRUST: The directors
have recommended a dividend

have recommended a dividend of 0.45p net per share for the period ended February 28. Dividend reflects the high level of interest on cash deposits awaiting investment during the earlier part of the period, which can be regarded as exceptional. This year's dividend does not necessarily reflect the level of future payments. Pretax profit £127,987. Earnings per share 0.630.

0.63p.

• CONSOLIDATED GOLD

FIELDS: Agreement has been signed for the issue by Gold

Fields Finance BV of SwFr165 million 5-1/8 per cent bonds 1996 under the guarantee of Consolidated Gold Fields at

• PIFE INDMAR: The chair-

man, Mr G A H Hepburn, said that, although the products di-

vision had a slow start, he expected effects of rationaliza-

The marine market showed no

sign of improvement in foresee-able future, but modest

improvement could be expected

from ironmongery. Prospects in

was followed last week by about McKechnie's first-half profits.

But, while the temperature shares have stuck at around 139p, 11p below the value of the shares-plus-cash offer and comfortably above the 134p cash alternative.
At this level Newman

Tonks is seeking to assure shareholders that the increase in the share price - it was 98p before the first offer - represents a genuine rerating. In an kers to the company, Fielding Newson-Smith and Albert E Sharp, have written to shareholders, claiming that the share price should not fall if the bid fails. There are also confident mutterings about the ease — and profit — with which McKechnie could un-

On the forecast 25 per cent increase in pretax profits for the year to October, Newman Tonks is selling on 11.6 times prospective earnings. After an uninspiring dividend record over the past few years

albeit partly because Newman Tonks never cut its payout during the difficult early 80s - shareholders have been promised a 30 per cent increase, which means a yield of more than 7 per cent. With the full benefits of last year's Cartwright acquisition still to come, 1987 profits of around

£10 million would push the

load its 15 per cent stake.

p/e below 10. On the question of industrial logic, the two companies have adopted different strategies over the past few years. While Newman Tonks has shifted its business away from semi-finished goods and into higher margin branded products, McKechnie has concentrated on high volume plastics, metals and commodities where price is all important. At the time of the first offer Newman Tonks had become a forgotton stock, and McKechnie identified a potentially cheap way to expand into related value-

added areas. The bid looks set to fail, and rightly so at this price, but it served its prime purpose for McKechnie - deflecting the Williams Holdings bid. For Newman Tonks the higher profile in the City over the past week has won the company new

It only remains for

COMPANY NEWS

the components division looked

• RAMUS HOLDINGS: In-

perind dividend 1.5p (same). With figures in £000, profit before tax for half year to January 6 was 78 (108). Profit after tax 133 (109). Earnings per three 30 (2.5)

Brammer shareholders deserve to be rewarded for their loyalty. Last summer they

takeover offer which never

seemed to get off the ground.

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rejected a 420p-a-share cash offer from Bunzl, only to see their shares fall to 280p. Since then they have climbed fairly steadily but at yesterday's price of 373p there is still ome way to go. While the figures for 1985 confirm that the company

has made steady progress they give no grounds for an early bounce in the share price. Profits were up from £10.2 million to £13.6 million before tax. That compares with a forecast, made as pert of the bid defence, for £12 million for the original group plus an annual contribution of £4 million before financing costs from Energy Services & Electronics.

ESE was included for only six months so the outcome was roughly in line with the forecasts. It would have been better if ESE had not suffered from the general electronics malaise towards the end of

While 1986 will have the benefit of a 12-month contribution from ESE, albeit of possibly less than £4 million, it will suffer from the sale of two companies to Readicut for £6.1 million. These contributed £1.44 million above the line last year and £2.4 million below the line by way of a profit on disposal,

The company says that there is plenty of scope for improvement within the existing businesses. It is looking for improvement from the traditional bearings distribu-tion husiness and from the newer electronics components operation. For the moment acquisitions have second priorty although, with net debt of only £4 million, there is little in the way of a fipancial constraint.

Shareholders might like to be reassured about ESE's contribution before more shares are issued for an acquisition. It accounts for 29 per cent of the equity, but it is probably contributing rather less in the way of profits and earnings. Until it is seen to be doing better than this shareholders will continue to question their collective wisdom

manufacturing rights for the Scimitar GTE/GTRC for £500,000. The company is

considering alternative pro-posals for the disposal of the rights.

• RUGBY PORTLAND CE-

There would also be a fairly complete the agreement with Reliant Motor to acquire the

Financial services gear up for PEPs

By Richard Thomson **Banking Correspondent**

There are signs that some ncial services companies in the City are already gearing up to offer Personal Equity Plans, outlined in the Budget as soon as the scheme comes into operation in January 1987.

The PEP scheme has been widely criticized as offering insufficient tax incentives to attract investors and has provoked scepticism from financial services companies which doubt they can offer schemes on a profitable basis.

Details of the scheme have yet to be worked out by the Government, but so far the plan is to offer capital gains investments within a PEP. Fidelity International, the

unit trust and javestment management group, however, has already outlined plans for the possible shape of a PEP. Mr Alan Ainsworth, Fideli-

ty International's marketing rector, said yesterday: "We believe we can run schemes on our computer system, which already exists to service our other investment managemen activities, and make money or PEPs.

"We are working on the assumption that unit and inent trusts will be excluded as vehicles for PEPs. What the Government is aiming for is direct equity investment by individuals with the intermediation of investment vehicles." Mr Ainsworth said the

scheme would work on a pooled basis, rather like unit trusts, and thus benefit from cheaper bulk purchases. "We would receive monthly contributions and pool there.

"We would then immedlately invest the money in a range of stocks which would go into each investor's PEP on a pro rata basis." Each plan would probably have around 30 blue chip stocks in it slightly fewer than in a trust but enough to spread the risk. "Our research suggests that people would like actively

managed discretionary portfolios," Mr Ainsworth said. "The annual manage ment charge is likely to be less than the I per cent traditionally charged on unit trusts, but it is hard to say exactly how much less at this stage. It depends what other services are included, such as regular portfolio valuatio

minimum investment. He added that PEPs were because they would give the investment industry a marketing focus in selling to the public.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares climb back over 1,400

yesterday, with the FT 30- after press comment, was 5p 470p. share index going back above higher at 366p.

The index rose by 12.2 points to close at 1402.2 and the FT-SE index of 100 shares gained 15.2 at 1684.0. The backlog of weekend

press comment kept speculative investors busy. Trading, however, was fairly light, many dealers apparently ex-tending their holiday break. Gilts advanced a full point, both at the longer end and in index-linked stocks, as the US long bond went higher amid

hopes of a further cut in the federal reserve discount rate. Leaders gained as much as Op. Exceptionally, Thorn EMI increased 20p to 519p as the company offered a stake in its Inmos subsidiary to Japanese concern Matsushita.

British Telecom, on the day the shares went fully paid, added 5p to 266p. Vickers put on 10p to 493p; Blue Circle

prices began to climb again Boots 8p to 274p. Beecham, subject of bid gossip, up 25p to

Allied-Lynns, on acquisi-

tion news, fell 7p to 31p. Speculative favourite of the

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Amec up 3p to 267p ahead of results tomorrow. SGB, on

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Engineering shares firmed Building shares showed ahead of their dividend seasome good advances, with son. Smiths Industries, which

declarer its interim on April 9, was up 6p to 325p and Glynwed, with results next Monday, was up 17p to 379p. Stores were in demand. Among the better rises were Burton ahead 14p to 342p. Combined English 5p to 265p

and Gus A up 35p to 1022p. On the bid front, Imperial Group gained 4p to 348p. Argyll put on 7p to 348p; the company yesterday started a court action aimed at hlocking the Guinness hid for

Distillers. The Express deal helped United Newspapers to a 32p

rise at 355p.
Oils were dull as the price of crude fell below \$10 a barrel. BP was down 3p to 555p.

Among companies repon-ing. Emess Lighting advanced 26p to 320p, after announcing profits up 51 per cent.

Competition shake-up call for consulting engineers

Consulting engineers serving the construction industry should change their rules to promote greater competition and freer advertising. Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, has urged. His challenge to the Association of Consulting Engineers, one of the leading professional bodies, has come in a wide-

ranging report on the advertising and charging rules of professions serving the construction industry. The professions include architects. quantity surveyors and professional eogineers.

After an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission there was agreement that there should be more competition, although some professions still have recommended fee scales instead of the old mandatory ones. Advertising is freer but still suffers from some restric-

tions in some cases. The ACE, which has about 1,200 individual members from 600 consulting engineer practices, was told in Sir Gordon's report that it should change one of its rules of professional conduct to remove a potentially restrictive effect on its members' ability to compete on fee scales. Another rule "significanfly restricts" ACE members' freedom to advertise, according to

ing to government ministers that they should look first to professional bodies to act.



Sir Gordon Borrie: may take further action

gave a warning that if the professions did not make changes he would consider taking further action under the Fair Trading Act.

He wants all the professional bodies involved with construction work to remove all remaining restrictions on advertising because although he had found more freedom to advertise, some restrictions still remained, particularly on which media could be used.

There is some evidence from the construction industry that small or occasional users of professional services tend not to get such good terms on fees as more powerful groups. Sir Gordoo urged professional bodies to publicize services and terms to small users.

dustry. Users were generally relationships" in Britain.

negotiate acceptable fees although the OFT found this unsurprising given the rela-tive power of most of the client groups involved. Recommended fee scales

put out by the Royal Institute of British Architects and the ACE did not appear to be acting as mandatory scales. said the report. But it added: "Even recommended fee scales can have a restrictive effect on competition". Sir Gordon nevertheless

said he did not feel justified in recommending that such fee scales should be abolished nor in referring the fee scales for a Monopolies Commission investigation. But he added: "This would

be a possibility in the future if there should be grounds for believing that recommended fee scales were being more widely adhered to than appears to be the case at present. This could arise if the demand for the services of these professions should increase as a result of a sustained upturn in economic activity in construction".

The ACE has subsequently pointed out that the OFT acknowledged that the government experiment of making fee levels a primary selection factor was too recent for the effects to be fully apparent. Some disadvaotages had not been brought out, like the But overall the survey sug- effects on safety of reducing degree of competition among mum and on consultancies' the professional services on ability to earn abroad by offer to the construction in- bringing in "adversarial"

Tisch may hold key to CBS

From Our Correspondent

The takeover saga at CBS took another twist when the \$3.74 hillion cash hid by Mr Marvin Davis was rejected by the board, but experts say that the next move may be made by an unlikely suitor.

Mr Lawrence Tisch, chairman of the Loews Corporation, is the higgest CBS shareholder, with a 12.3 per cent stake. Wall Street analysts say Mr Tisch holds all the cards so he may be the only person who knows how the saga will end.

Mr Tisch was brought into the CBS fold after Mr Ted Turner's abortive hid for the company in October. Elected to the board, be sided with Mr William Paley, the CBS founder, who owns 8.3 per cent of the stock, but many analysts suspect that his loyalties may not lie with Mr Paley if a high hid comes.

Mr Davis, whose hid was rejected last Tuesday, is said to be keen to re-enter the entertainment field since his sale of 20th Century Fox to Mr Rupert Murdoch last year. But, while the oil hillionaire's hid for CBS was low, iodustry analysts expect him to raise it within the next few weeks.

CBS says that it wants to stay independent, and some experts believe that response will discourage new hids. If Mr Davis makes a higher offer and the board rejects it, some shareholders may sue the CBS board for breach of fiduciary

Positive evidence of recovery shows through

after tax 133 (109). Earnings per share 3p (2.5). • FRESHBAKE FOODS: MENT: Cockburn Cement final Company has acquired Prior dividend 5.75c (5.25) for 1985. Farm Foods for an initial consideration of 2000s. Trading surplus 15.401 (13,403). less in terest 871 (820), depreciation 3,679 (3,792), tax 4,537 (4,118). • LEX SERVICE: Company has sold business and certain assets and liabilities of Lex Systemline, its contract distributions. 1985 Result

There was an increased pre-tax profit of £41.4m (1984: £11.2m). The underlying increase in general insurance written premiums of 24% was almost entirely due to much higher prices on existing business.

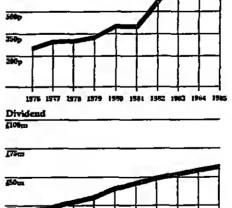
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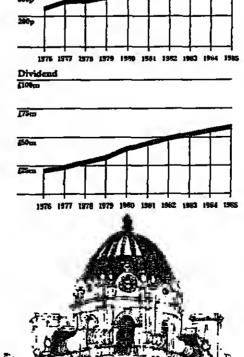
The increase in Royal Life's pretax profits was again substantial up over 22% to £26.4m. Long-term business potential has been further enhanced by the purchase of Lloyd's Life, shortly to be re-named Royal Heritage Life Assurance Ltd.

Net worth

Holdings, which will make asimultaneous offer for FPG. The CGA board unanimously recommends the cash alternative.

DOMINION INTERNATIONAL GROUP: The company has purchased the outstanding 25 per cent of the issued share capital of Guardian Property Management not already owned for about £1.6 with figures in £000, turnover was up to 50,056 (41,434) andgross profit to 21,296 The net worth of the company increased to over £1.9 billion inclusive of the balance sheet value of the existing business of Royal Life and Lloyd's Life of £320m; the directors consider the 'going concern' value of these companies to be at least £600m.



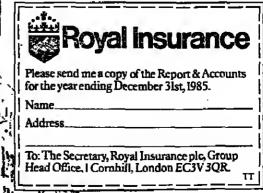


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Mr Alan Clore, a London-

Systemine, its contract distribution business, to Lex Wilkinson, a subsidiary of Federal Express Corporation, for about £3.6 million cash. Company retains ownership of the trade debtors, which amount to about £1.6 million and will be collected by Lex Wilkinson on its behalf.

• DESOUTTER BROTHERS (HOLDINGS): Dividend 4.8p (4.3), making 7.3p (6.46). With figures in £000, trading profit before tax for 1985 was 4,706 (4,543), tax 732 (1,597) including credit from deferred tax reserve 1,004 (463). Profit after to acquire all of the ordinary shares it does not already own.

reserve 1,004 (463). Profit after tax 3,974 (2,946). Earnings per 3,551 (2,948), gross profit to tax 3,974 (2,946). The chairman is confident the company will make further progress in 1986.

THE COUNTRY © EMESSI FORTER

pany will make further progress in 1986.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: The boards of Fredericks Place Group and the CGA say that terms have been agreed for an offer to be made for CGA. The offer will be made on behalf of a new holding company. Fredericks Place Holdings, which will make simultaneous offer for FPG.

The CGA board manimously (comparisons amended and fig-

based investor, has raised his stake in a US pharmaceuti-calcompany, fuelling speculation that itmay be a potential takeover target. Rorer, a Pennsylvania con-

Revion's prescription drugs business from Pantry Pride. has been the subject of take-over speculation for months. Mr Clore said he had raised his stake in Rorer to 13 per cent from 9 per cent and that he had formed a partnership with a dissident Rorer share-

holder from Florida.

Mr Eugene Dooner, a ment, is said to hold 2 per ceot Mr Clore has a reputation

heavily into Revion just before the Pantry Pride takeover last year. Mr Clore said in his filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that two

was up to 50,056 (41,434)

• RELIANT MOTOR: BM Industries has been unsuccessful (17,748). Pretax profit rose using raising the finance required to 3,182 (2,757)

for seeing a company's value before others do and investing in stocks just before a takeover cero thathas acquired bid is launched. He bought

of his companies. Nerval and Manor Inc of Panama, and NMI Partners of Geneva, both owned the shares in Roser.

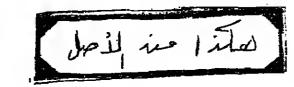
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Swire Pacific Limited

The profit for 1985 before the extraordinary item was HK\$1,225.9 million, representing an increase of 28.4% as compared with HK\$954.4 million in 1984, as adjusted. In addition, in 1985 there was an extraordinary profit of HK\$59.1 million (1984: nil). The audited consolidated results were

	Year ended 31at December 1985 1984		
	HK\$m	HK\$m	
Turnover	13,692.2	11,996.8	
Operating profit Interest charges — net	2,030.0 366.6	1,930.9 384.8	
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Profit attributable to shareholders	1,285.0	954.4	
Earnings per share: 'A' sharea	292.2¢	246.8Rp	
'B' shares	58.4¢	49.4¢	
Dividends per share: 'A' shares — interim — final, recommended	44.0¢ 97.0¢ 141.0¢	39.0¢ 87.0¢ 126.0¢	
'B' shares — interim — final, recommended	8.8¢ 19.4¢	7.8¢	
— man recommende	28.2¢	25.2¢	
Net assets per share: 'A' shares	HK\$14.44	HK\$10.80	
'B' ahares	HK\$ 2.89	HK\$ 2.18	

he profit for 1985 before the extraordinary item Increased by 28.4% and additionally there was an extraordinary profit of HK\$59.1 million (1984; nill). During 1985, the Group changed its method of accounting for finance leases, which it now capitalises in line with generally accepted international practice: as a result of this change, the comparative figures for 1994 have been adjusted and the attributable

shown at HKS954.4 million.

Cathay Pacific Airways Limited reported higher profits from operations but, willhout the benefit of substantial capital profits, the total profit for 1985 was somewhat lower. Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited's attributable profit increased by 29.5%. Swire Properties Limited's profit was sharply higher reflecting higher sales prices at Taikoo Shing and profite on sale of investment properties. Offshore services activities recorded reduced profits, and losses were incurred in shipping and dockyard activities. There was a further substantial improvement in the operating profit of the industries division during 1985. A slight decline in profitability was recorded by the trading division in difficult market conditions.

Final dividends. The directors of Swire Pacific Limited will recommend to shareholders at the annual general meeting on 29th May 1986 the payment of final dividends of 97 0c (1984: 87 0c) per 'A' share and 19,4c (1984: 17 4c) per 'B' share payable on 2nd June 1986 to shareholders on the register of members on 25th April 1986, the share registers will be closed from 14th April 1986 to 25th April 1986, both dates inclusive.

Once again, the final dividends will be satisfied by the issue of scrip to each class of shareholder, with the option being given to shareholders to elect to receive cash in lieu of scrip in respect of part or all of such dividends. Full details of the scrip dividend procedures will be set out in a circular letter which, together with the torms of election for the payment of cash dividends, will be sent to shareholders on 5th May 1989. Capitalisation (bonus) issue. The directors will recommend a

best possible offers.

Figures based on the market prices at 3.30pm on Tuesday.

capitalisation issue of two new 'A' shares for each 'A' share held and two new 'B' shares for each 'B' share held on 25th April 1985. The new shares will rank part passu with the existing shares, except that they will not quality for the final dividends to be paid in respect of 1885. they will not quality for the final dividends to be paid in respect of 1995. Investment properties and net assets per share. In accordance with the policy of the Group, the annual valuation at open market value of investment properties was carried out at 31st December 1996 by independent valuers. As a consequence of the 1995 valuation there has been an increase of HK\$964.4 million in the valuation reserves of the Group, as compared with a reduction of HK\$270.0 million at the and of 1984. Taking into account both the retained earnings in 1995 and the increase in the valuation of investment properties, the net asset values of the shares of Swire Pacific Limited at 31st December 1985 were HK\$14.44 per "A" share and HK\$2.89 per 'B" share which compare respectively with HK\$10.80 and HK\$2.16 at 31st December 1984.

respectively with HK\$10.80 and HK\$2.16 at 31st December 1984, Prospects. Cathay Pacific Airways expects an improvement in profits during 1986, on the basis that the present generally favourable market conditions subsist. The improved climate within the Hong Kong propert market should continue and Swire Properties again expects improved results in 1986 although the greater proportion of its profits will arise within the second half of the year due to the timing of completion of properties under development, industries division is looking for further growth in 1986 and the trading division's prospects are also good. The business environment in which the shioping, offshore services and dockyard division operates is expected to remain depressed.

I consider that, on balance, general business conditions are likely to remain favourable and that the prospects for the Swire Pacific Group as a whole for 1985 are good.

The Annual Report for 1986 will be sent to shareholders on 5th May 1986.

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COMMODITIES REVIEW)

London exchange adopts new look

London's campaign to reassert its prominence as an international commodity trading centre took a decisive step forward yesterday with the introduction of a new legal and administrative structure for the London Commodity Ex-

All the former members of the cocoa, coffee and sugar terminal market associations have become shareholders in the new company, the Londoo Commodity Exchange (1986) Limited, which, it is hoped, will speak for soft commodity futures trading in London with one voice.

The only exception is the International Petroleum Exchange, which, because it had no assets, coold not convert them into shares in the new LCE. But 33 of the 35 IPE members are also members of the LCE. The IPE board has voted to move to Commodity Quay, the £5 million new home for the LCE which is due to be occupied on the Tuesday after

The reorganization has been completed only six months since Mr Saxon Tate, the LCE's executive chairman, put up his original proposals. He be the welfare of existing on the floor". business". Promotion of existover the invention of new ones.

The second priority, Mr Tate said, must be to improve volume. The LCE hopes to exploit its rule changes and the provisions of the Financal Services Bill - expected to become law in the summer - to bring in locals (individual floor

traders operating on their own account) and to encourage private investors in commodity

Mr Tate commented: "We have got to get that volume nave got to get that volume curve going np again. We've got in get existing owners and customers saying. These peo-ple have grasped the nettle, they're improving the climate

for doing bosiness in To set up the new LCE, the assets of the terminal market associations were divided equally between their members. Those divided assets were then converted into LCE

shares et the rate of £1 for £1. Of the more than 50 firms who are members of the new LCE, around a dozen are noticeably bigger shareholders than the rest, chiefly because they were members of all the markets. When the LCE does turn its attention to new contracts, the

focus is likely to be on traded options on existing contracts. Bot the exchange is anxious to avoid the mistake of inadequate education about and marketing of new contracts. Mr Tate said that in the

past "we didn't put enough preparation into education. into the market, into ensurin said: "Our first priority must that there were market makers

For the moment, however, ing contracts is to be favoured the LCE's budget is unlikely to be much bigger than before. Mr Tate said: "We're not aiming to do anything wild this vear". But in the longer run the LCE will consider jointly promoting with other London exchanges the City as a com-modity futures trading centre. Michael Prest

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Tax relief comes before set-off

For the purposes of comput-ing liability to corporation tax, credit for dnuble taxation relief was to be allowed before any set-off for advanced corporation tax (ACT) was made. The Crowa's case that the ACT set-off should be made first produced a mon-

Mr Justice Waltoo so held in dismissing the Crown's appeal from the determination of a single special commissioner allowing a claim by the taxpayer company, Mining & Industrial Holdings Ltd. for full relief by way of credit for foreign tax for its accounting period to June 1990

The taxpayer company, a subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields pic, carried on the busi-ness of e mining finance bouse in the United Kingdom. For the 1980 accounting period it claimed relief under section 497(1) of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 from double taxation by way of credit for foreign withholding tax and foreign underlying tax io respect of dividends it had received from overseas compa-

Its profits for the period consisted of income not subject to double tax and non-control foreign tax. It had paid ACT by reference to dividends of £2.2 million that it had paid during the accounting period. It appealed to the commissioners against the refusal of the tax nspector to allow in full it claim for relief.

Mr Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Andrew Park, QC, for the taxpayer company.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the case concerned the inter-relationship of double tax-

vanced corporation tax.
DTR arose under Part 18 of the 1970 Act and was to be a credit against tax payable in the United Kingdom. The pro-visions in section 501 enforced the idea that a company would compute its corporation tax hability in respect of its chargeable income and then reduce that amount of tax by the amount of the credit.

However limits and restric-tions were placed on DTR, for example, section 505 restricted it to an effective rate of 52 per cent - being the rate of corporation tax at the time. ACT was introduced by sec-

Collard (Inspector of Taxes) + tion 84 of the Finance Act 1972

Collard (Inspector of Taxes) 4 mining & Industrial Holdings where a company made a "qualifying distribution". Section 85 provided for ACT to be set off against a company's corporation tax liability on its

Thus the taxpayer company had a further sum to be set against its liability to corporation tax — that was against its liability for the balance after the deduction of its DTR.
But the Crown contended that strough unjust result that was not the order of events not supported by the statutory provisions and DTR was only available after ACT had been taken into account and taken into account

in a particular way.

The result, bearing in mind the relevant DTR limits, was an increase in tax payable of £254,137. ACT, said the Crown, had to be spread rateably across the different sorts of the tax-

payer company's income.
But if the Crown was right the result would be that because the taxpayer company had paid a dividend during the year it had thereby become liable in pay £254.137 more in tax than if it had not done so. Unless driven to it by the language of the Act, such a monstrously unjust conclusion should not be

reached How did the Crown reach such a conclusion? It was not an arbitrary whim: it thought that it had a peg on which to hang su a conclusion in section 100(6) of

That provisions, it was said placed the taxpayer cmpany under a mandatory duty to allocate its ACT to such of its

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income as it thought fit.

Mr Park contended that section 100(6) was out mandatory but merely gave the taxpayer company a power of allocation and having chosen not to ex-ercise that power the ACT was, ercise that power the ACT was, in accordance with section 85(1) to be put against the totality of its liability to corporation tax thereby reducing the amount

payable to nil Did section 100(6) impose such a duty on the taxpayer company? There was no clue as to what precisely that provision

was getting at.
But it would be astonishing that the matter should have been cast in the way that it bad company be forced to exercise a power that could only benefit the Revenue and not itself.

Section 501 of the 1970 Act and section 85(1) of the 1972 Act made it clear in what order DTR and ACT were to be brought into account. Those clearly stated provisions were not in be set aside as e result of section

The appeal was dismissed. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

Sentencing dishonest baggage handlers

Regina v Dhunay and Others Consideration of a sentence of three years' imprisonment position of more severe or lighter punishment than that should be considered with regard to the particular circumstance of the considered with regard to the particular circumstance of the considered with regard to the particular circumstance of the considered with respect to assist others who might have to sentence discharged honest baggage handlers. For persistent pilifering of the kind committed by these arrests to assist others who might have to sentence discharged handlers. stances in each case and to any particular mitigation there

might be.
Lord Justice Watkins so stated when sitting with Mr.
Justice McNeill and Mr Justice Otton-on March 24 the Court of appealationed appeals against entences of imprisonment ranging from three to four years imposed on 15 men who had pleaded guity on January IO, 1986 in Aylesbury Crown Court (Judge Verney) to specimen counts of theft or attempted theft at Hardware Arenty In theft at Heathrow Airport. In each case the sentence of imprisonment was reduced to two and a haif years.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that it was beyond doubt thet immediate terms of

Cr App R 78) [in which guidelines were given on sentencing in breach of trust cases] was not should be the starting point. fully applicable to the present when sentencing for persistent pilfering committed by baggage attempt to assist others who

was the starting pourL Their Lordships found

impossible to distinguish be-tween these appellants as the scutencing judge had done. A team leader was not more seriously at fault than a baggage transfer; be had no authority

The only redeeming feature in respect of any of them was the fact that they had pleaded guilty. That might have helped to reduce their sentence from three years to two but for the fact that

would have been uncovered. could expect therefore was watered down, and in each case e imprisonment were proper. sentence of two and a half years R v Barrick ((1985) 81 would be substituted.

Compensation order guidelines

Considerations to be borne in mind when making compensation orders were set out by the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice McNeill and Mr Justice Organ) on March 18 Justice McNeil and MrJustice Otton), on March 18 in
allowing an appeal by Roger
Scott against a compensation
order imposed in him on
lAugust 19, 198t in Gloucester
Crown Court (Judge Hutton) for
offences of obtaining property
by deception.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the court had endeavoured, as the authorities showed, to impress upon judges that compensation orders should not be made without should not be made without careful inquiry by the court into the defendant's ability to pay. Once the court was satisfied about his ability, if it were minded to give him time to pay.

that period should not be

and last instalments. That ought, by now, to be absolutely clear in the minds of judges. consideration of the manner of that the court which would have to deal with enforcement and the consequences of nonistrates' court.

Accordingly, unless at the crown court the circumstances were such that it was realistic for an order to be made to be paid in instalments, then the cour in instalments, then the court should content itself with merely making an order for compensation, thus allowing the ordinary consequences to follow, that is, leaving it to the magistrates to deal with the process of enforcement on non-compliance.

Function of the court welfare departments

The cnnrt welfare department's function in contested custody hearings was to assist the court by investigating the circumstances of the child or children concerned and the important figures in their lives so as to provide the court with factual information on which to

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf) so stated on March 25 in

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

said that the particular court welfare department had mis-conceived its function as solely to endeavour to produce a conciliation between the parties and if that could not be schieved then it was for the judge to decide the case. service the department pro-vided. Although it was for the judge to make the decision, the court welfare department's great help to the judge and their

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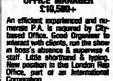
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Stockton House, near Wylye, Wiltshire, is a magnificent Grade I listed Elizabethan house dating from around 1600. It is considered one of the finest of its date in Britain, having suffered little from more recent restoration. The house is built of alternative rows of napped flint and ashlar stone under a tiled roof, and is symmetrical, with gables on each side. Several rooms have brilliant carving, plasterwork and panelling dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. A new entrance was made on the south front soon after 1800 when the late 17th-century formal gardens were swept away, and the house has been kept in excellent condition. The accommodation includes a reception hall, three reception rooms, three principal suites, seven further bedrooms and a chapel. The house stands in 37 acres of formal gardens and parkland. Knight Frank & Rutley quotes a guide price approaching £1 million and the house comes on to the market tomorrow El Kelran Guinness, a farming member of the famous family, is selling his London home in Holland Park. The house, in Holland Park Road, is on two floors and has a galletied reception room, a dining room and two or tirree bedrooms. Russell Simpson is asking £550,000 for the house, which was originally an artist's studio.

A sporting deal

Saturday are timely reminders of the importance of sporting estates and stud farms in the property market. And later this mooth perhaps the best known Irish estate and stud farm comes on to the

The Mouot Juliet estate in Co Kilkenoy, covering more than 1,600 acres, was the seat of the Earls of Carrick for 250 years and has been in the family of the present owner, Major Victor McCalmoot, for most of this century. He cannot for most of this century. He is now selling reluctantly after unsuccessful efforts to find a way to keep it io the family. And although no price is being

given, it is understood that it could be worth about £4.5 million.

Its two stud farms, Ballylinch and Norelands, are renowned in Irish bloodstock circles, and cover 466 acres of paddocks, all railed and watered. There are also 538 acres of farmland and 347 acres of woodland, and the estate provides the home of the Kilkenny Foxhounds.

Mouot Juliet House is a late 18thcentury mansioo, built mainly of stooe, which has five or six reception rooms, three bedroom suites and at least eight other bedrooms, with about 30 acres of grounds running down to the river Nore. The house contains a collection of furniture and paintings of great value, most of which would be available to a

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> the stnd farms coming on to the market failed to sell. This was largely because many vendors overpriced their property hoping that an "Arab buyer would appear from the sands of the desert" and pay op to half above the market price.
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> oow because those in the sport have eoough land, because the fall in oil prices has affected their disposable income and because most Middle East buyers are now shrewd husinessmen who will not pay over the market price.

> Mr Stephenson says the maio demand for stud land today is in the Newmarket and west Berkshire areas, where well railed stud paddocks on the right land — chalk, for example — would feach double the agricultural value. Elsewhere they might feach little more than agricultural land in the area, although it costs about double to produce good stud land, He concludes that, provided vendors

price their properties reasonably, there is good demand, and that 1986 could be better than 1985. Christopher Warman

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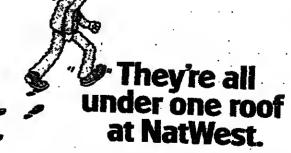
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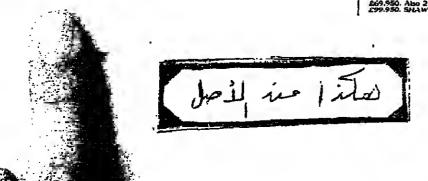
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OVERSEAS PROPERTY

How the EEC can clean up the trade in Spain

By Diana Wildman

Britons are buying about 25,000 Spanish properties a year, accounting for half the total sales to foreigners. With Spain now a full member of the Common Market, the campaign under way in the European Parliament, led by the Euro MP, Edward McMillan-Scott, to set up a commission to stamp out fraudulent sales of Mediterranean boliday homes, will be welcomed by both potential purchasers and bona fide agents alike.

The growth of what Mr McMillan-Scott refers to as "backstairs companies" Scott refers to as "backstairs companies" who sell either properties they do not own or "nff-plan" homes which they never intend building, might be stamped nut if only buyers would seek legal advice on their proposed purchase.

Michael Soul, a City of London solicitor, whose practice specializes in Anglo-Spanish law, makes the point that UK agents selling a British home rarely expect to collect payments no behalf of the vendor.

Buyers can go out to judge for themselves

Mr Soul says: "Here, if they do, agents are required under the Estate Agents Act nf 1979 to hold this on a separate clients' account. The Office of Fair Trading can even prohibit agents from continuing to practise if they fail to comply with the re-quirements of the Act.

"Hnwever, as yet the Estate Agents Act has an application where the deposit is

paid in respect of overseas property. So unless the agents can produce a notarized power of attorney from the developer in Spain they cannot give a valid receipt on . his behalf.

"So far, Spanish entry into the EEC has had no impact on the activities of estate agents who sell Spanish property to citizens of other Community countries."

All reputable agents and developers can arrange inspection trips for holiday. bome buyers, who can then judge for themselves whether the facilities and

properties are of an expected standard. Anyone visiting the La Manga Club, the 1,400-acre leisure estate in Murcia, a. 90-minute drive due south of Alicante airport, could not fail to be impressed both by the standard of the sporting



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Basking in the sun: The Los Altos development at La Manga Club near Alicante in southern Spain comprises small clusters of villas in Andalusian style with private swimming pools, gardens and terraces, all for the exclusive use of the owners facilities and the sheer variety of sport tn £77,000 far two bedrooms to £101,000

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plc, this very British estate has two championship 18-hole golf courses, one of which has hosted the Spanish Open five times, with a large clubbouse attached to the four-star Las Mimosas Hntel set in the heart of La Manga.

The redesigned Racquets Club, run under the auspices of David Lloyd, now boasts 17 tennis courts, a mix of hard, clay and grass. Two squash courts, a bowling green and croquet lawn are due to be added soon. There is a riding centre, watersports such as windsurfing, sailing and water-skiing and, unique in Southern Europe, a cricket pitch, complete with pavilion.

La Manga's residential development concept shows how effectively a traditional white-washed, rough-rouf pueblostyle development can be incorporated into today's environment and look as if the buildings have been there for ever.

In essence, this is achieved by creating small self-contained villages scattered, seemingly at random, throughout the estate. Plans are for 16, with phased completing during the next four years.

Currently for sale is a selection of one-. two- and three-bedroom villas in Los Mnhinos, an Andalusian-style village being built on a hillside overlooking the colf courses. This pueblo will consist nf 150 bomes, some with roof terraces, all with balconies or gardens, with the focal point being the swimming pool area.

The 48 houses in phase one are due for completion in August, and prices range from £55,000 for a one-bedroom to £85,000 for a three-bedroom home.

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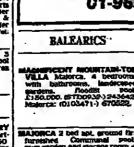
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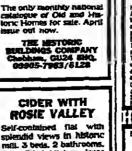
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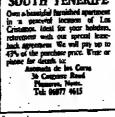
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Wasps select their side tomor-row but Scottish and Leicester, who play Bath in the other semi-final, have already nominated their teams. Borthwick comes in

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change from the side that bear Gloucester will be without . Leicester will be without . Underwood, their England wing who is playing for the RAF, his place goes to the experienced Williams and they are otherwise at full strength. Richards, their England No 8, has recovered from an arm injury which prevented him touring Wales with the club or appearing for

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Lillehammer's 450-page

application to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) carries the royal seal of approval in the form of a letter from King Olav V, still a dedicated skier at the age of 82, offering to stand as patron for the winter games. Although conservationists liave expressed concern at the impact the Olympics could have on the town's well preserved old world charm, local businessmen have little doubt that, commercially at least, acceptance of their offer by the IOC would be the best thing

Elsewhere in Norway, there all 161 national Olympic committees, while more than 7,000 shorter versions have also been published with a series of promotional videos.

Logistically, the town should be able to cope. There are 40,000 car parking spaces with easy access from Oslo via the E6 and access from Oslo via the 10 and a new bridge over Lake Mjoesa. A new nirport between Lillehammer and Hamar to the south supplements a rail and road network already capable of carrying 65,000 passengers every three hours.

All ceremonies would be miss at Stampesletta; ice hockey in Hannar and Gjoevik; the men's downhill at Kvirfjell and the women's downhill at Hafjell. Tony Samstag

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

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Third division Darlington v Wolverhamoton Scottish premier division Cettic v Dundes Scottish first division Clyde v Airdrie Falkirk v Partick Hamilton v Alloa

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vision: Bridgnorth v Wellingborough; Cov-entry Sporting v Forest Green. Southern division: Cambridge City v Russin; Corin-than v Sheppey. MORTHERN: PREMISE CEASUS CUP-Somil-fins, first leg: Mecclested v Hyde. CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Vita v Manchester City: Barnsley v Laicaster: Blackburn v Evertor; New-castile v West Bromwich. Second division: Botton v Burnier: Donesster v Coventry. Middlestrough v Scunthorpe; Preston v Sunderland.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Reading (at Leginarhead FC, 20); Oxford Utd v Brighton.
HALLS BREWERY HELLEHIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Blosster v Morris Motors (8,15); Moration v Supermarine.
GREAT MILLS WESTERIN LEAGUE: Premier division: Winehaed v Frome (7.45); Pastion v Clevedon. Deven Challenge Cup: Exmouth v Bideford (7.45); Somerset Premier Cup: Bath v Yoovi.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Hallstam (6.0); Horsham YMCA v Steyning.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP: Old-ham v St Helens.

OTHER SPORT GOLF: Lades London foursomes (at Rochford Hundres GC).
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to Lions squad after Bowen injury By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent John Rutherford, Scotland's stand-off half in 37 internationals, has been added to the British Lions squad, which will contribute to the International Board centenary matches at Cardiff and Twickenham this month. Rutherford, a Lion in following day when the injury was not diagosed until the following day when the standard day in the standard da

month. Rutherford, a Lion in New Zealand in 1983, replaces Bleddyn Bowen, the Welsh cen-tre, who has a hip injury and will

tre, who has a tip injury and will not play again this season.

It is a well deserved honour for Rutherford, aged 30, who has contributed so much to Scottish successes since he was first capped in 1979. He has been by far the most consistent the position from all the second services in the position from all the second services.

player in his position from all four bome countries during the

1980s. his latest appearance for his country being in the 33-18 win over Romania in Bucharest

Rutherford may have to wait

Ruthertord may have to wait to learn of his selection however. He is a member of the Scottish Co-Optimists squad which flew out on Monday to appear in the Café Pacific Hong Kong Bank sevens this weekend a squad southern the college five of his colleges from the

visit. In 1980 they reached the

final where they lost to Fiji, but six of this month's squad ap-peared in last seasoo's fioal under the banner of Public

ing to growing speculation here. Australian officials have denied

Australians will join the tour," said Brian Mossop, a rugby union writer for *The Telegraph*

The Australian newspaper re-

ported yesterday that an il-match, six-week trip would

begin on April 23 after inter-national matches; at Twick-enham and Cardiff Arms Park celebrating the centenary of the

the International Rugby Board.

The report said that the composite team, to include players from New Zealand, France, Britain and Australia, would play four Test matches against the Springboks. It added

Speculation grows

over rebel tour

Sydney (AP) — A number of Africa's policy of racial separa-leading Australian rugby union tion. Several New Zealand play-players could join a rebel inter-national team to tour South tour would be in the inter-latinal later this month, accord-national team, the report said.

any knowledge of such a tour, and that is the official line, but it is believed at least a couple of Australians will join the tour.

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that the South African Rugby to favour a resumption of matches. Individuals, including the tour following the dis-

appointment of New Zealand Campese last year, have, how-cancelling a tour last year because of apartheid — South rugby union in South Africa.

King supports Games claim

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end, a squad which lockudes five of his colleagues from the current national squad. Scott Hastings, Fiolay Calder, John Jeffrey, Roger Baird, and Gary Callander are all in Hong Kong along with Eric Paxton, Andrew Ker, and Bob Hogarth, bringing Kelso's representation in the Co-Optimists squad to six. PROPERTY DAILY! Like the Irish Wolfhounds. the only other side competing from this corner of the world, it Supermarket Auction Rooms will be the Co-Optimists' third

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Lillehammer bidding for winter Olympics

The Norwegian town of to have happened to them since the invention of snow. porth of Oslo, is pulling out the Elsewhere in Norway, there north of Oslo, is pulling out the stops in an effort to sell itself as host to the 1992 Winter Olympic Games. With a population of 22,000, Lillchammer is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Norway, although relatively unknown outside the country. For the Olympics, its already-excellent winter sports facilities would be augmented to the tune of two new ice halls, an 7 600 shorter writing have also

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Boy should follow up for Chapman

David Chapman, the Stillington (Yorkshire) trainer leave the course empty-handwill always be remembered for will always be remembered for ed, though, because his colt his association with the prolif- Mr Kewmill, should take the ic filly, Soba, who won so opening Banana Rum Maiden many good prizes for him. Stakes at the expense of ootably the Stewards' Cup at another Newmarket challeng-Goodwood. Soba rose from a bumble beginning to take on the best in the land and it is the ability to improve horses out of all recognition and win race after race with them that has characterized Chapman's

Sprinters have been Chapman's forte, but he does not confine himself to speed horses and this afternoon at Hamilton Park he can take the feature race, the Lang's Su-preme Scotch Whisky Trophy Handicap with the improving Jane's Brave Boy, who is napped tofollow up a recent success at Catterick.

When scoring in an apprentices race over seven furlongs at the Yorkshire course last week, Jane's Bravo Boy looked the sort who would win again quickly before the handicapper took his measure. He was always going well and once he took the lead two furlongs from home he never looked in

danger. His nearest pursuer, 2½ lengths behind, was John Gil-pin, who takes him on again today on identical terms. John Gilpin kept on well in the Catterick race, but there is no he should reverse the placings.

Indeed, more danger to my selection may come from the maiden Hinckley Lane, from Mick Easterby's in-form stable. Hinckley Lane looked like an improving animal when he finished fourth to Formatune at Doncaster, having failed to reach a place in his three attempts last year.

Another attractive bet at the Scottish course could be Soumenelle, in the Glengoyne Malt Whisky Quaich Handi-cap. Trained at Ayr by John. Wilson, Sonnenelle ran well in most of her races last season, notably when second to the recent Doncaster winner, Rove, at Edinburgh on her final outing. There is a New-market whisper for Mark

Tompkins's should not Stakes at the expense of er, Lost Opportunity. Mr Kewmill, who was trained by Martin Pipe last season. caught the eye on his final outing in 1985 when he fin-

ished strongly to take sixth place behind Possedyno at lewmarket. Sir Mark Prescott, another Newmarket trainer, has an excellent record at Hamilton, having saddled 23 winners from 92 runners in the last five years - an average of 25 per cent. It could be seen as significant, therefore, that he is sending just one horse, Regal Capistrano, to the course today.

However, Regal Capistrano proved an extremely disappointing animal last season, failing on several occasions to take advantage of what looked like favourable opportunities. It may pay to take a chance, therefore, with Sonny One Shine, who had only one run on the Flat last year, but who showed smart form over hurdles this winter, winning at Kelso, Ayr and Sandown.

The National Hunt meeting at Fontwell Park offers quantity rather than quality, but there are some promising logical reason to suggest that animals contesting the he should reverse the placings. Amberley Novices' Hurdle. Two of these, Heart Of Stone and Musical Mystery, have run behind Inherit in recent weeks, the former finishing three-lengths second to John Jenkins's colt at Fontwell two weeks ago, and Musical Mystery occupying fourth place behind him at Lingfield four

days earlier. However, both may fail to hold San Carles, who has been rather out of his depth in two competitive races on his most recent outings, but whose form previously bares the closest inspection. Following an easy victory at Fontwell in-January, San Carlos chased home My Dominion in a good-class race over the samo course and a reproduction of ently laid-back employer.

Today's course specialists

21.6%. JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 6 winners from 30 JOCKEYS: R Durwoody, 16 winners from 239, 35 tides, 17.9%; R Rose, 30 from 116, 13.4%.

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Jane's Brave Door Latch holds key to fairytale Rain could

By Michael Seely

Grand National fever began to grip the racing world yester-day as the countdown to the world's most exciting steeplechase began with the publica-tion of the four-day acceptors. Josh Gifford, second as a jockey on Honey End to Foinavon in 1967 and trainer of the 1981 winner, Aldaniti, is this year responsible for the heavily-backed Door Latch.

"I start to get the jitters when I pull out onto the M6," said the hardened 44-year old professional, "It's a marvellous meeting and a fantastic race. I feel the same as a trainer as I did as a jockey and hope it will never change. There's nothing else to touch

Victory for Door Latch's

owner, the 91-year-old Jim Joel would be in keeping with the fairy-tale results so often associated with the big race. But the trainer gave a cool assessment of the prospects of his eight-year-old winner of Ascot's SGB Chase. "I fancied Aldaniti a lot when he won and even more when he fell at the first the following season. Door Latch is a class borse and be's got a bell of a chance. I'd like to have waited for another year, but then he would have had 11st 12fb. He acts in heavy going but in view of his inexperience I certainly don't want it to be

worse than good to soft."
The final state of Aintree's notoriously quick-drying turf is going to prove vital not only to trainers and jockeys but also to the destination of £25m of punters' money, more than is wagered on the

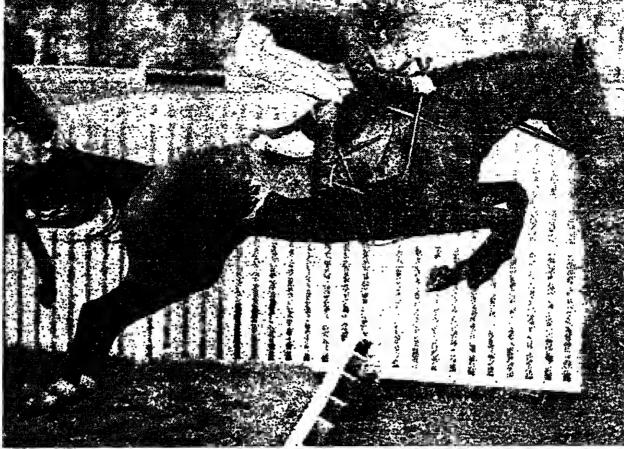
Yesterday's report from the Liverpool manager, John Perrett, was as follows: "Wo have had no serious rain since Friday. The going is nearly good on the run down to Bechers. It's softer on the far side of the track and good to soft in the home straight, It's a fine day and the forecast for the rest of the week is for dry weather.

Tim Forster is hoping for heavy going as the nation's ssimistic trainer seeks most pe to equal Fred Rimell's post-war record of four National winners. "The softer for Last Suspect the better, thought it's not so important for Port Asknig, I don't think I can possibly win another National and there's no pressure on me at all. After all, the horse has already done it."

Hywel Davies, last year's winning jockey, was more forthcoming than his appar-Tompkins's My Derya, but that form should be good asking a lot I know, but Last Sonnenelle's form looks much enough to land him today's Suspect couldn't be better and sounder.

Tompkins's My Derya, but that form should be good asking a lot I know, but Last Sonnenelle's form looks much enough to land him today's Suspect couldn't be better and prize. Suspect couldn't be better and seeks to improve on his record he's won both his races this of a win and two thirds. tactics as last year, hunting around on the outside and then trying to bring him with a

Last year West Tip started joint favourite with Greasepaint and cost the punters a fortune when falling with



Hallo Dandy, the 1984 Grand National winner who has been well backed to repeat that success

ing easily in the lead at Bechers Brook on the final circuit. Once again a flood of money has forced the nineyear-old's price down from 16to 9-1 after his recent Newbury victory.

Yesterday West Tip did his final serious gallop at Droitwich. "He went two miles with Voo Trappe and I can tell you he's no slouch," said Michael Oliver, the train-"The horse has come right for the race I have trained him for. The only bad race he's run this season was in the Welsh National but that was my fault for running him in beavy going. But he'll be perfectly alright in ordinary soft

With 60 still standing their ground at vesterday's declara-tion stage, 20 will have to be withdrawn overnight as 40 is the maximum oumber allowed to take part. Although Essex is sutomatic top weight with 12st the Czechoslovak horse does not count for handicapping purposes and the weights of the remainder have therefore been raised 3lb. Corbiere will have to carry 11st 71b as the best Aintree peformer since Red Rum

won with 11st 4lb as an eightyear-old can't win again with
11st 7lb as a 12-year-said
Ienny Pitman, "but like the
Warning (Mr A Dudgeon), Why Jenny Pitman, "but like the rest of my team he's in tremendous shape. He's sure to be running on the death, particularly if the going is Black (R Crank), Repertise (G Jenny Pitman, "but like the

Richard Dunwoody when go- testiog, but I'll be surprised if he can win. I just can't forgive Captain Mordaunt for handicapping his courage."

Mr Snugfit, last year's ruo-

ner-up will be suited by every drop of raio that falls and is most professionals' choice for this year's marathon. With 10st7lb to shoulder, Mick Easterby's oine-year- old possesses the strongest possible credentials The indomitable Phil Tuck, the man, who has twice beeo

jocked off Burrough Hill Lad, firmly believes that his chance may have come. "The National's the world's greatest race and it's my life's ambition to win it. Everythiog went right last year, but Last Suspect put his act together and we just got caught.

" If we can survive the first

Essex (Mr J Chaloupka),
Corhiere (B de Hura),
Drumlargan (T J Ryam),
Kilkilowen (K Morgan), Lant
Saspect (H Davies), Door Latch
(R Rowe), Acarine (R Stronge),
West Tip (R Danwoody),
Greasepaint (T Carmody),
Bailinacura Lad (-), Hallo
Dundy (N Doughty), Mr Sungfit
(P Tuck), The Tsarevich (J
White), Lantera Lodge (A
Mullian), Tracy's Suecial (Steve

circuit and get the waifs and strays and bad jumpers out of the way. I'll be able to sit down and ride a race. If the going is

be fighting out the finish." West Tip and Mr Snugfit are joint favourites at 9-1 with Ladbrokes. "There has been tremendous interest this year with so many fancied runner," said the firm's representative, Mike Dillon, 'you've got three previous winners in Last Suspect, Hallo Dandy and Corbiere all reported fit and fancied. And Greasepaiot's another popular old stager. And then you've got interestiog newcomers like Door

fast, we may get a bit left behind at first, so I'll have to

sit and suffer. But Mr Snugfit

stays so well that he's bound to

lives.

Latch, The Tsarevich and Knock Hill. It's a toss up whether West Tip or Mr at 3:20 oo Saturday.

Snugfit will start favourite." Like all his family, Peter

Walwyn has a love of racing very deeply in his bones. On Saturday, the Lambourn trainer is taking a busload of 40 friends to Aintree for the fourth successive year. "The National is part of our heritage. The moment I arrive at the course I walk out ooto the track and start to shake with anticipation, It's the same at Epsom when I go out onto the Downs before the Derby. These are events that everyone should experience at first hand at least ooce in their

Tens of thousands oo the track and tens of millions of viewers will be sharing Walwyp's excitement when the starter presses the bandle

National declarations and betting

Charles-Jones), Sommelier (T J nan), Pea-Cock-Ade (--), Kat-Taaffe), Ynung Driver (C mands (--), Mr Baker (--), Grant), Monanore (T Mnegan), Lumparita (--), Charles Dake (--), Dudie (--) Knock Hill (M), Segahan Dam (--), Newstead Dwyer), Ballymilan (C Haw-kies) Eethard Eviand (D Baston) Dwyer), Ballymilan (C Haw-kins) Fethard Friend (P Barton), Late Night Extra (--), Master Tercel (-), St Alexas (--), Port Askaig (G McConrt), Little Pntveir (C Brown), Doublemagain (--), Ten Cherries (--), Northern Bay (Philip Hobbs), Mount Oliver (--), Fine Sprace (Mrs. I Carrier)

King Sprace (Mrs J Carrier),
Manton Castle (-) Run Tn Me
(--), 1nsure (M Ftynn),
Onapromise (--), Brinkwater
(Mr D Pitcher), Succeeded (-), Corbiere, Greasepaint, 20-1

110vd) (8)

5-2 Wharry Burn, 3-1 Yeoman Broker, 4-1 Lalosse, 5-1 Cumrow, 8-1 Airborne Deal, 10-1 Themes Trader, 15-1 Be My Wings, 20-1 others.

3.30 CALEDONIAN STUDRAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,511: 2m 2f

7-2 Cresun, 4-1 Autumn Zulu, 9-2 Queyside Battle, 5-1 Mercy Lees, 7-1 Manston auder, 10-1 Nookle Bear, 12-1 Takeslence.

4.0 AMBERLEY NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: 2696: 2m 2f) (8)

001209 SAK CARLOS (C-D) (S Crowel M Bolton 11-2 ...
POPP BROKEN TACKLE (S) (Mrs O Oughton) O A Oughton 10-10 ...
00444 BRONZE EFFIGY (Mrs R Henriques) M Henriques 10-10 ...
24 MART OF STOWE (LISA) (M Morrison) R Alshurst 10-10 ...
MARPHER'S BELL (B Dulse) Mrs B Dulse 10-10 ...
4 MISSICAL HYSTERY (D Dunsdon) J T Gifford 10-10 ...
000 OUR NOSEY (S) (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 10-10 ...
4 MISSICAL HYSTERY (B CARLOS) R Melic 10-10 ...
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7-4 Musical Mystery, 5-2 Heart Of Stone, 5-1 Vistale, 6-1 San Carlos, 10-1 Bronze cy, 12-1 Marner's Bell, 14-1 others.

4.30 ROBERT GORE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP

LATEST Ladbrokes: 9-1 Mr Speefit. West Tip, 10-1 Door Latch, 14-1 Hallo Dandy, 16-1 Corbiere, Greasepaint, Last Suspect. The Tsarevich, 20-1 Broomy Bank, Northern Bay, Plundering.

(-), Insure (M Flynn), 11-1 Door Latch, 14-1 Hallo Dandy, Last Suspect, 16-1 (Mr D Pitcher), Succeeded (-), Colonel Christy (--), Immigrate (--), Master Nibble (--), Sunlit River (--), Sen Splash (M Breu-

rule out Irish hardy annual

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

Greasepaint, who has played a starring role in each of the last three runnings of the Aintree Grand National, finishing in the first four every time even if outright success has always evaded him, will be declared for Saturday's renewal, but Dermot Weld, the trainer, waroed yes-terday. If the ground looks like being very soft I would have to consider him a doubtful

Weld added: "As he gets older he seems less and less able to handle soft going". It would be a big disappointment if Greasepaint could not take his chance as he has been specifically trained for this one race all season and is in superb order having come through a testing

preparation.

Given good ground, Weld believes that he is now well enough handicapped to win and he points out how well he performed under 12st in Ireland's biggest summer eplechase, the Galway Plate, last August

There will be other defections from the list of Irish Aintree possibles in consequence of tough races in Monday's Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairybouse. However, Pat Hughes, trainer of the surprise winner, Insure, said yesterday that the horse was none the worse for his exertions and may well take his chance at Aintree. with Michael Flynn, the win-ning jockey on Monday, again

having the ride.
Marcolo and Mister Donovan. neither of whom completed the course behind Insure, are now certain non-starters and Arthur Moore, who withdrew the Irish National fourth, The Ellier, at the four-day stage, confirmed that be will have no runners at all at Liverpool this

His stable jockey. Tom Taaffe, will however still have a ride in the Seagram promotion, having been booked by the English trainer, Robin Gow, for

the outsider, Sommelier.

Excursion, one of the Irish entries singled out by Dermot Weld as a likely danger to all-comers, is now not certain to take part. His owner-rider, Mrs Rosemary Stewart, is having second thoughts after Excursion was beaten into second place behind Olympian Princess at Fairyhouse on Sunday, and may

rarynouse of Sunday, and may now keep the horse fresh for the Guinness Chase at Punchestown later in April. For Auction, the winner of the 1982 Champion Hurdle, suf-fered a fatal fall in yesterday's Power Gold Cup at Fairyhouse. The race went to Bartres, who was twice hampered by fallers when finishing unplaced to the Arkle Trophy Chase at Chelten-

This race was run at a cracking gallop taking into ac-Noel quickly built up a 20-length lead and was still clear but starting to tire at the third last fence. Early in the straight, Boro Quarter, carrying the Dawn Run colours of Mrs Charmian Hill, moved into the lead with flattering case, but Bartres, on whom Tom Morgan had hugged the inside rail throughout the last mile, came throughout to win pains and

through to win going away,
At Fairyhouse this afternoon,
Bonalma, who finished sixth to See You Then in the Champion Hurdle, running as well as could be expected for a 33-1 outsider, looks a worthy top weight in the Huzzar Handicap Hurdle, an-other Cheltenham runner, Attitude Adjuster, looks set to extend his winning run in the Coolmore Joseph O'Reilly Memorial Cup. Attitude Adjuster was ridden by Ted Walsh to victory in the Christies Foxhunters Chase, but as Walsh has now given up riding over fences, Enda Bolger will depu-



Dermot Weld: soft ground warning on Greasepaint

Haydon Jones doubles up

Derek Haydoo Jones, the Pontypridd trainer, got off the mark for the season at Warwick yesterday with a 20-1 double through Record Wing and Chepstowed and had starting stalls been used for all races it might have been a treble. Because of the difficulty of moving the stalls in the soft ground, the two races over a mile and the seven furlong event were started by flag.

Haydon Jones' apprectice Dewi Williams, oo the 5-1 favourite Lemelasor, was experiencing a flag start for the first time to the 'Arc' Weekend Handicap and the amount of ground lost by the combination at the start was a lot more than the two lengths and a neck by which the mare was beated into third place behind De Rigeur.

Riguer's performance under top weight and an enterprizing ride by Willie Carson, who picked the best ground all the way round on the outside to his the from more than a furiong from home. It was the Lester Piggontrained Vague Melody who pipped young Williams' mount for second place.

HAMILTON PARK Going: soft Draw: 51-61, middle to high numbers bast 2.15 BANANA RUM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O; £968; 1rd 40yd) (8 BANTEL BEAU (Bartel Ltd) Miss I Sell 9-0
 LOST OPPORTUNITY (Shekh Mohamed Al Sabely 6 Herbury 9-0 G Beater 900-6 SASTER BUSIC (M British) M British 9-0
 MOVER PERFORMANCE (Mr A Currin) Miss 2 Green 9-0
 SE Contract 0-0
 MR KCHWIRL (S Carde) M Tompkins 9-0
 MA DER PUP (L Line) Miss 2 Green 9-0
 SE Majadely 9-0
 MARINA PLATA (O Chepters) O Chepter 6-1
 NORTHERN FLING (J. Wiscot) J.S Wiscon 6-11
 O Misholis 7

2.45 BROMISTA RUM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,163: 1m 1f) (4) 1 823833 CARQUEEL ROCKET (A Secondardo) J W Wilson 9-7 Q Desiridad 5 000001- BRAYE AND BOLDED (T Formard N Calleghan 3-6 R Cockesse 5 00000- BESART BILL (7 Nerrog) T Formars 8-3 B Bescrott 1 2 400000- BELHELL (D Chapter) O Chapters 9-0 S P British (5) 2 8-11 Brave And Bold, 9-4 Carousel Rocket, 7-1 Elegant SW, 10-1 Bethik.

4-5 Lost Opportunity, 7-2 Mr Kenmill, 6-1 Northern Filing, 7-1 Master Music, 12-1 Van Der Pup, 16-1 others.

Hamilton selections By Mandarin

2.15 Mr Kewmill. 2.45 Brave And Bold. 3.15 JANE'S BRAVE BOY (nap), 3.45 Minizen Lady. 4.15 Somepelle, 4.45 Somey One

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Mr Kewmill. 2.45 Brave And Bold. 3.45 Vichy-Val. 4.15 My Derya. 4.45 Regal Capistrano. By Michael Seely

2.45 Elegant Bill. 3.15 HINCKLEY LANE (nap).

3.15 LANGS SUPREME SCOTCH WHISKY TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,194; 1m 40 yd) (11)

3.45 ZAREVICH VODKA SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £736: 50) (10) 3.45 ZAREVICH VODKA SELLING STAKES (2-Y-Q: £736; 5f) (10)

1 GAELIC CROSS (W Staloy) R Stable 8-11 S Walsher 1

2 HARRY'S COMMÉ! (T Fairhants) T Fairhants 8-11 C. Costee (3) 2

4 MIDILES AME LAD (8) (Airs D Lamb) (Victore 6-11 D. Nechable 5

5 WINNERS ALBERT (Airs H Verson) J Berry 9-11 S FORM (8) 10

7 BROON'S ADDITION (W Brown) K Stone 9-8 G Brown (9) 10

6 BROON'S ANSWER (W Brown) K Stone 9-8 G Brown (9) 10

11 S MILE DIFFER (Nex M Ward) J Kodiswall 9-8 S G Bearen (9) 10

12 S MINISTER (Airs H Ward) J Kodiswall 9-8 S G Bearen 5

14 90 VICHY-MALES (BF) (N Callaghan) N Taritas 8-8 J Brown 5

14 90 VICHY-MALES (BF) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-8 R Cochans 5

9-4 Ministen Lady, 11-4 Winner Aircink, 9-2 Vichy-Mil, 8-1 Harry's Corpling, 10-1

Middielane Lady, 11-4 Winner Aircink, 9-2 Vichy-Mil, 8-1 Harry's Corpling, 10-1

4.15 GLENGOYNE MALT WHISKY QUAICH HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,680; 5f) (5) 4-5 El Alamoin, 11-4 Somansilo, 11-2 My Derya, 10-1 Puncia Creak, Our Mun 4.45 TOTTER HOME MAIDEN STAKES (£1,209: 1m 30) (10)

10 TER HORIE MALDEN STAKES (£1,209: 1m 30) (10)

A LINSK (USA) (O Thorn) II Thorn 4-0-0

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Warwick results Gelege soft
2.15 (Int) 1, Prohibited (7 Cuton, 3-7
for); 2, Natchatana (P Walcron, 4-1); 3,
Abbie Helle, S Weishorth, 16-1), ALSO
RAN; 5-1 Ericki Sti, 8-1 Tower Fanna, 9-1
Humany Intel, 16-1 Sir Breit, 29-1 Rough
Pesseage 6th, Summerite Rook, 25-1
King's Grusade 4th, 53-1 Cornian Prince,
Fire Rocket. 12 ran. 2, 174, 7, 3, 6, P
Cole at Wantage, Tota: 24.10; 21.90,
52.10, EL.60, DF: 27.70, CSP, 214.28.

2.45 (1m) 1, De Ingreer (W Careon, 15-2); 2, Vegue Belody (W R Switchum, 13-2); 3, Lemelesor (D Williams, 5-1 fav). 4. Chaise Longue (S Whitworth, 35-1), ALSO RAIt: 6-1 Mass Aggro, 6-1 Fel Loong, Kaveto; 16-1 Bandargets, 11-1 Avrains, 14-1 Miss Agex (bt), 25-1 Bk Of A State, Dalles Smith, Kamaress, Marsoom 5th, 14-1 Miss Apex But, 25-1 Bit Of A State, Delies Smith, Kerneroes, Markoom Sch. 35-1 Throw Me Over, Venture To Reform, Crawes Boy, 17 can. MFC Blow My Top. Bleck Spant, 21 rk, 31, 241, 274, J Bethel at Didoot, Tole: 24, 80; 21, 50; 21, 90; 21, 80, 21, 80; 21, 50; 21, 90; 21, 80;

29.8b. DP: 215-1d. Car: Ess.1s. 170ebb 2245.82.

3.15 (fm 4f 52)rd) 1. Record Wing (0 Wellems. 2-1 faxt; 2. Bir Gendinin; 6/ 5xy; 15-1; 3. Fegar (S. Cauthen, 12-1). ALSO 11-1 Janus 6th, 16-1 Denyring 5th, 20-1 Rolyel Craftoman, 25-1 Kadesh 4th, 50-1 Sightcorins Cotons, Shipwright, 13 res. 10. 8, rk. rd. 4l. O. H. Jones at Porthyridd. 7 tota: 25.50; 21.50, 24.10, 21.60. DP: 258.70, CSP: 232.34. Tripast: 2271.80.

21.00, 21.30, pt. 27.00, 0.57. Author (Pat Eddary, 11-2; 2, Owl Casille (A McGorie, 9-2; 3, Welch Crosm (J Reid, 4-1), ALSO RAK: 15-6 fev Mr What's-16s-hame 4th, 10-1 Might More 6th, 11-1 Swallow Titte, 20-1 Chestale, 33-1 Eastern Pyer 8th. 5 Ran, 4, 20. hd, 8, 5t. R Smyth at Epicon. Tota: 84.10; 21.70, 21.50, 52.50, DF: 523.60, CSF: 227.73. Placepost 21,631.45 to a Shp state.

FONTWELL PARK Going: heavy

2.0 LIDSEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2961; 2/R 67) (21)

8 808904 HIGH HEAVEN (A Noors) A Moors 6-11-7

5 1/40790 CORRIS LED OF White) R J Hodges 11-17
5 1/40790 CORRIS LED OF White) R J Hodges 11-17
14 669-140 CARFLAX (USA) (A Communitor) G A Ham 5-10-12

15 PROPPO SUMMINERCOVE (CO) (K Higher) A Moors 10-10-12

16 4800R SOMETHING SPECIAL (S Gotheridge) P J Brevin 5-10-12

17 2002P BELL HOP IC Ham) G A Ham 10-10-11

20 4-8007P SHATTLECOCK STAR (U) (A Heater) G Kindersley 4-10-11

21 31/800S - VARABONED VICTOR (R Hest) P A Allegham 10-10-10

22 37-301 PLANK (CAR) (U) (D C R) (Hest) P A Allegham 10-10-10

23 39001 DO OR DE (Arts, C Phase) O Hall 0-11-30 (S) (S)

25 SPORP PLANTEX LAD (Arts J Hose) R P Hoad P-10-15

26 390-673 GAPTAN PAT (J BARS) J H BARS 10-10-10-10

27 39002P HEATEN (A ROSS) J H BARS 10-10-10-10

28 39001P ASHLESON EXT (BARS) J H BARS 10-10-10-10

29 39446UP HELTON TARM (G Lasvey) M C PDS 10-18-4

30 39446UP HELTON TARM (G Lasvey) M C PDS 10-18-4

31 3973001 Y VINCON PLASH (D Morget) A R Devision 12-10-0

32 39467 ARE SERENCON MARQUEON (KMY V POTS) J F POTS 10-10-0

33 39007 ARE SERENCON MARQUEON (KMY V POTS) J F POTS 10-10-0

35 39007 ARE SERENCON MARQUEON (KWY V POTS) J F POTS 10-10-0

37 39007 POTS 10-10-10 (S WARD) (S WARD) S POTS 1 J F POTS 10-10-0

37 39007 ARE SERENCON MARQUEON (KWY V POTS) J F POTS 10-10-0

38 39007 ARE SERENCON MARQUEON (KWY V POTS) J F POTS 10-10-0

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31 1-4 PRIST, 7-2 DO OT DIA, \$-2 Boll Hop. \$-1 Shuttlecock Star, \$-1 The (2961: 2m 6f) (21)

11-4 Pash, 7-2 Do Or Die, 9-2 Bell Hop. 5-1 Shuttlecock Star, 6-1 Time's Chieffain, 10-1 Ashleigh Soy, 12-1 High Heleven, 16-1 Carfles, 20-1 others.

Fontwell selections By Mandarin

2.0 Shuttlecock Star. 2.30 Hiz. 3.0 Curnrew. 3.30 Cresun. 4.0 San Carlos. 4.30 Graignenamanagh. Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 Yeoman Broker.

2.30 WALBERTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,693: 2m 2f 110yd) (14)

1 P19F19 SAMEY LIX (K Operij K W Durn 5-11-12 R Stronge
8 209-00P ANNING (M Houriqued) M Henriques 3-11-0 O McCarri
7 P2 SAMEYS BREDGE (Airs J Princip) Mrs J Franch 0-11-0 Miss S Franch (4)
2 copper Gual Darke (C Henrisy) P Strine 11-11-0 P Dever
10 225F19: HZ (25) Bits G McFerrari) IM Dudgeon 6-11-0 P Bersel
11 P80000 HCPEFUL KYBC (C Kernney) J T Gerlord 6-11-0 P Bersel
12 80000P PCLO BC T Server) IP Wards 6-11-0 R Rose
13 80000P PCLO BC T Server) IP Wards 6-11-0 B Richy
14 008F30 RYMEYS BORI (airs H Mardoch) R S Gov 6-11-0 B Richy
15 80000P SAMALAJA (Nr.) J Keegerd J H Batur 6-11-0 B Wright
17 P400F0 WOMDE (Mrs R Mardoch) Nrs R Mardoch 8-11-0 G Koore
18 97000 SAMALAJA (Nr.) J Keegerd J H Batur 6-11-0 G Koore
19 9700 GRAFTON MARSAY (A Coopey J R Bostey 7-10-9 Miss S Balchy
3-1 Hz, 7-2 SETTIN LIX. 5-1 Hopstol Kybo, 6-1 Bedders Bridge, 6-1 Gables Fight,
1-1 Sweg Jacket, 12-1 Millore, 14-1 others. 2.30 WALBERTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,693: 2m 2f 110yd) (14)

3.0 PULBOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE (\$836: 2m 2f) (20)

Wetherby Golory: good to soft
2.50 (2m hdle) 1. HALF BROTHER (P.
Tuck, 6-11 fav); 2. Record Hervest (J. J.
O'Nell, 3-1); 3. Armedie (G. Herrige, 15-1).
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Shotingo (pu), 11-1
Timber Marchant, 14-1 Burti Wark (6th),
Sunbia (4th), 16-1 Thomy Spirit (pu), 25-1
Carol's Music, Henging Fire (pu), Samonia (5th), 50-1 Cooled Hat Carles (pu),
Morthern Gata (pu), Period (Sen, Wastron
Hill (pu), Brocel, Mydelle (pu), Wistron
Lav) (pu), Protein Knight, Alex, 22 ram, NitHopeius Mission, Gaptian Jerry, Prince
Manueristic, 8, 4), 54, 12, 153, M. W.
Eassierby at Sheriff Humon, Totas 23.00;
21.40, 21.50, 22.70, DP: 63.00, CSP:
24.63.

7an 12, 20, 11, 38. A MedTeggert et Jeduurch. Tote: \$2.20; \$1.70, \$2.70, \$2.60. Dr. £19.60. CSF £48.05.

AS (2m 41 hole): 1, BATTLEPPELD bank): 0 Duiton, 9-2: 2, Here's Way (R Lunt). 25:12, 3, L Q Weedgery (K Tasian, 12-1). ALSD RAN; 3-1 fav Cornedy Fair; out). 4-1 Grann Gorne, 13-2 Heaf Albeep (4th), 7-1 Terrysch, 10-1 Dutch Lost) (rea, Berycosintens) (pd), 14-1 Whata What (6th), 23-1 Ascommon (5th), 11 ran, Nr. Randomy, 0 Casteggrou, 11, 6; 21, 55, sh.n.d. J Blunded at North Thorsets, Tota: \$2.80; \$20.0. 55.90, £2.80. Dr. £149.80. CSF. 27.42. Tricest £1,171.29.

4.35 (2m 50 yd cti), 1, KrynetSPORT (M Dywyr, 64), 2, Cancy Man (3 Crestion, 4-1); 3, Mandellia (A Stringer, 16-1), ALSO (AA); 21-13 fav horton Gross (4th), 20-1 Birthy (5th), 5 ran, Nr. Rivers Erice, Ambier Randomy, 15, 12, 13, 15 Prizopratid at Nation, Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.50. Dr. £4.40. CSF. £7.42. Cancy Man Rivished first, after an objection and a stewards ingainy was placed 2nd, and Kevinsfort was avairabed the race

5.15 [2m 4] hole) 1, ASTRAL LADY (D Shaw, 9-2 k-lay; 2, Ranche Sarastriq (Ntr P Dornis, 5-1; 3, Commungh Wars (14), 20-1 Terrys, 10-1 East Down, 15-1 Assermanda. 20-1 Patrym Bered (pd), 23-1 Aric Worg (pd), Cavaller Crossett (pd), Deep Auburn, Sensor Advence (pd, hull Filder (fel), 11 Filder (fel), 11 Filder (fel), 12 Filder (fel), 24.69.
20 (2m hdis) 1. BHOECUS 48 Bradley,
9-4 Sul; 2. Millie Gruy (3 Harlow, 9-1; 3.
Multipour (M Dwyer, 9-2; ALSO RAM: 9-2
Fintom (6th), 6-1 Tun (6th), 7-1 Keycorn,
16-1 Franch Nochow, Socret Walk (4th),
16-1 Mount Rule (pu), 20-1 Cimarron, 50-1
Cogra Mass, 11 rint, NRT Dark Trip, 6, 3,
8, 14, 6, 145 M Duckinson at Harawood,
Ther. 52.00; 51.50, 82.00, 21.60. DR:
217.50, CSP: \$25.91. Tripaint (58.58.
2 Mortim 100 article) 1. DLMT PRESS Okr \$17.50, CSP: 284.91. Tricage \$86.88.

2.30 (3m 100)rd (ri) 1, CLIVE PRESS (Mr
p MacTragont, 10-11 favi; 2, Zaolander
(Mr N Tutty, 23-1; 3, Franklie Teal (Mr P
Strawson, 20-1; ALBO RAN: 5-2
Netherby Ghost (lost), 11-1 Light Demon
(3th), Ling Hall (fast), 12-1 Brig
O'Balgowine (say, 20-1 Pohar Classic
(sut, Tryaghtest (rin), 25-1 los Hill (str),
Landing (sut), 33-1 Landine Stave (sr),
Reposite (sut), Thessus (sut), Trumphon
(ref), Astenij (sut), Grange Classic (ur), 17

With her win on Barstick at the Essex Farmers' meeting on Monday Josephine Sheppard equalled Pat Tollit's record of 171 winners by a woman rider in point-to-points. Her brother, David Turner, who took over the mantle of leading male rider four years ago from Major Guy Camard, by-passed the meeting for Fakenham but was unsuccessful in the two hunter Mike Felton kept one ahead in this year's contest for the leading rider with two wins, on Reynard's Bow and Lothian

General, at the Old Berks. which matched Peter Greenall's double on Boonabaroo and Run Token at the North Shropshire. Gillian Minto had her second win in three days on Foolish Hero at the Tynedale meeting

Sheppard equals women's record By Brian Beel

POINT-TO-POINT

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much to the surprise of most. On Saturday she had been considered lucky to get the verdict, but on Monday most onlookers thought she had been clearly beaten by a neck by

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a key role in West Ham United's championship challenge this season, is fighting to

keep his ever-present record at Nottingham Forest tonight. Ward, signed from Oldham for £250,000 in August, has worn the number seven shirt in all 41 of West Ham's League and Cup games so far. But a shoulder injury, re-ceived during Monday's 2-1 home victory over Totten-ham, is threatening to end that

The forward was substituted after falling heavily and, at first. West Ham feared a serious injury. Ward was taken to hospital for an X-rayed but their assistant manager, Mick McGiven, said yesterday: "Thankfully, there are no broken bones. The shoulder is still swollen and painful but it is too early to say whether he will be fit. Knowing Mark, he will play if he possibly can, he hates to miss anything and has certainly not ruled himself

West Ham also have a doubt about their former England midfielder, Alan Devonshire, who has a slight thigh strain and faces a late fitness test. But Alvin Martin, the captain, returns to the squad

after serving a two-match ban. The manager, John Lyall, is refusing to speculate on his side's championship chances. "If other people are talking about us winning the title that is up to them." he said, "but it is all hypothetical. After taking six points from the Easter matches against Chelsea and Spurs anything we get al Forest could be looked upon as a bonus, but we will be

trying to win.

After the Forest match we have three consecutive home games, so that is something to

look forward to." Injuries could yet decide whether West Ham lift their first championship. So far they have had few problems. hut with 11 League games to play, every knock will take on

new significance. Everton, by comparison, have been plagued with injuries. Their latest worry concerns Gary Lineker, the country's leading goalscorer, who damaging a hamstring during Monday's 0-0 draw at Manchester United.

Walsh, is making good progress after an ankle problem. Just like Auld times

Bertie Auld, one of Scottish nothing and I am just glad to notball's most irrepressible have this chance to put somefootball's most irrepressible characters, returned to the game thing back, yesterday after a break of almost two years. He started his second spell as manager of Partick Thistle, the club he left to join Hibernian more than five years

The former Celtic favourite, who was subsequently dis-missed by Hibernian and then fater by his next club, Hamilton, looked forward to the challenge of keeping Thistle in the first division, following the dismissal of Benoy Rooney. It is a tall order with the Glasgow club third from the foot of the table but Auld, as ever, is undaunted by the prospect.

"I've never grown disillu-sioned with football," he said on his first day in charge. This game is full of ups and downs and I've had my share of knocks. But football owes me

Howard Kendall, said yesterday: "Gary will have two days of complete rest and then we will assess the extent of the injury on Thursday. It is too early to talk about his chances of making Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against Sheffield

The hamstring strain is not Lineker's only problem. He has been playing with a niggling groin injury and has not trained properly for some

The Brighton captain, Danny Wilson, will be out of action for two weeks after tearing a hamstring in the second division home defeat by Portsmouth on Monday. Wilson, who missed the last four matches of last season with a shoulder injury, is Brighton's joint second top scorer with 15 goals from 40 senior appearances.

The defender Gary O'Reilly also damaged a hamstring agains! Portsmouth and misses tonight's match with Oldham. Also missing will be Steve Jacobs, who needed stitches in a facial injury received at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

Brighton may draft in teen-age defender Darren Newman, an untried substitute on two occasions this season, and the former Barnet full back, Graham Pearce, is likely lo return, despile suffering from concussion in a recent reserve

Carlisle United's top scorer. John Halpin, who has sparked their remarkable climb off the foot of the second divisioo, has been ruled out for the rest of the season. An X-ray confirmed that Halpin had broken his leg in Monday's victory at Middlesbrough.

The Liverpool delender. Lawrenson, may be able to play in Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against Southampton. He has been lold he can resume Iraining, having missed two matches with an ankle injury. It could mean that the Liverpool player-manager, Kenoy Dalglish, has a full-strength squad because his only other injury worry,

mahogany halls

What is remarkable is the way in which the transformation has been achieved. As their name, Heart of Midlothian, derived from Sir Walter Scott, suggests, there has always been a whiff of romance about the club. Their style has been a compound of the crafts-man, portrayed in the sweet "It's great to be at Firhill again, because this is home to me. I missed the involvement design of the Walkers, Youngs badly over the last two years but l always knew I would be back. I am a confident character, I have knight errant, the broadswords strappingly wielded by

faith in my ability and I know I can do the job." Partick have seven games in which to escape relegation and Auld is preparing to tackle the problem with his own brand of infectious enthusiasm. "I hope those games will turn out to be the magnificent seven," he said.
"If I can raise the players' spirits again we can still get out of trouble and whatever happens I

cloh of the season. Wallace Mercer revels in his reputation as a showman and has cultivated an image of astute self-publicist never

Hearts are no longer lonely

When yesterday's heroes become lyrical about the foot-ballers of today there can no longer be doubts that there is a

special quality about Heart of Midlothian.

Although the old Edinburgh club have played 27 successive games without defeat, are entrenched at the top of the Scottisb premier division and play at Hampden on Saturday in the semi-final of the Scottisb Cap, it is only recently that the seal of approval has been awarded.

So long had Hearts been bathed in despair, floundering in the first division, burdened hy debt, the morale of players non-existent, that few believed the resurgence was anything but a flash ia the Typecastle

Even Walter Kidd, their redoubtable captain, had to pincb himself to ensure that he was not living out a fairy-tale. After all, be is the sole survivor from the deleful days of the 1970s and it was difficult for him to believe that the transformation was not a midwinter's dream.

An old boys' rennion at the cinh featured as guests of honour some of the players who had won the champion-ship in 1960. That side are still talked about reverently in Ediahurgh. They took the title in style, winning 23 matches, drawing eight, losing three, conceding 51 goals but scoring twice that number.

And when players of the stature of the graceful Gordon Smith, the venomous sharpshooter Jimmy Murray and the lion-hearted John Cumming joined to acclaiming the team built by a new "terrible trio" of Mercer, MacDonald and Jardine, even wondering if their own side could have beaten the present

warriors, Hearts realized that

they had arrived. It is not really surprising that Hearts have recovered their pride. Historic champions of Scottish football before the turn of the century, they are too famous a clab, too steeped in the tradition of entrancing football to have lingered for ever on the mournful fringes of the game.

Romance stalks

the Mackays and Battles.

But there was also apparent in the mahogany balls of Typecastle hints of Edinburgh stuffiness and it is ironic that it was the dynamic, modern flair of a businessman once dismissed as a brash property developer that turned the dozing giant of the capital into Scotland's most successful

Auld, aged 48, a member of the Celtic side who won the European Cup in 1967, is asking the assistant manager, Mike



said of him that if you have an Scotland. While it is sadly hour to spare you can have a

five-minate talk with Mr While he is regarded in staider circles as brazenly outspoken with "too guid a conceit of himself" he will go down in football history as the first of the country's new breed of enlightened entrepreneurs and is idolized by Hearts supporters as a man who performed a miracle at

Typecastle. Once a Rangers enthusiast, this self-made businessman bought himself into the ailing Hearts four years ago, created a climate io which enthusiastic youngsters could thrive and feel elated playing for the club, and, most important, appointed a young management team of two Ibrox favourites, Alex MacDonald and Saody

While Mercer has generated a new spirit at the clab, with a firebrand style of leadership, ruffling many feathers in his atterant to change the face of Scottish football, he does not interfere with his managers, whose methods contrast vividwith that of the

Government. MacDonald, the man in charge, and Jardine, his assistant as well as the most influential player in the team, shout their business with quiet authority and agree so amicably that they seem destined to become a partnership even more accomplished than that of Clough and Taylor.

The eminently sensible style of Hearts is the product of the managers' differing playing ways: the combative, ever-oaship and there is only one helpful attitude of MacDonald, the more refined, hyperintelligent quality of Jardine, who has appeared in more than 1,000 senior matches and shows no sign of flagging.

How good are Hearts? are intent on adding to our Thequestion is asked anxious. Jackson, to stay with the club. short of a hundred words. It is ly in every dressing-room in

obvious that there has been a decline in the form of the eading teams in the premier division, Hearts deserve a much more enthusiastic description than that of "workmanlike". They are fully committed, put teamwork first and if they are not yet recognized as being of the

vintage of imaginative sides of the Coun-Bauld-Wardhaugh era they are potent and matering quickly.

MacDonald and Jardine retain the lowest of profiles.

"There is no magic formula," they say. "It is mostly hard work and getting the players to

Wise old hens and the spring chicks

believe in themselves."

Yet by securing players such as Clark from Rangers and Colomboun from Celtic the managers reveal part of their secret. They seek players who are well grounded in the methods of highest professionalism which the Old Firm retain even if their playing prowess is less virile these days and who are desperately eager to show their former eager to show their former the first European Cup in 1956, employers that they should not have finally come within reach

have been transferred. youngsters such as Leveine Robertson and Mackay and it is realized that the Hearts blend is the oldest but still the best in football, the perfect union of the wise old hen and

oaship and there is only one cloud oo their horizon: the fear that hig offers seem certain to be made for their rising stars. But Mr Mercer is adamant that his players are not for sale. "Indeed," he says, "we

Hugh Taylor

Barcelona aiming to make up for past failures

the way of Barcelona's first have vast experience in Europe, spearance in a European Cup having appeared in six previous final for 25 years, while the finals, winning the Cup Belgian team Anderlecht, making their thirteenth attempt on 1978) and the UEFA Cup once the cup, take on Steam Bu- (1983). charest, the army team from

Of the four teams contesting Of the four teams contesting the semi-finals, the first legs of which are being played tonight, Barcelona must be the favourites to win the trophy. But, remarkably, the Spanish club, reputedly the richest in the world, have never won Europe's premier tournament and have reached the final once only — in 1961, when they lost to Portugal's Benfica.

Now, after defeating last year's champions Juventus, of Italy, in the quarter-finals, Terry Venables' team look to have their best chance yet of claiming the trophy they covet above all

others.

Barcelona have won the Pairs
Cup (now the UEFA Cup) three
times and the Cup Winners'
Cup twice. But, despite heavy
investment in stars such as
Johan Cruyff and Johan
Neeskens of The Netherlands
and Argeotina's Diego
Maradona, success in the European Cup has so far eluded
them.

depend on the wayward genins of the West German midfield player, Bernd Schuster. Schuster, recently stripped of the captaincy by Venables, has been in dispute with the club and is expected to leave Barcelona this summer. But be is fit again after being sidelined for two mouths with a knee injury. The bad news for the Spaniards The bad news for the Spaniards, however, is the absence of Steve Archibald, the Scottish international striker, who pulled a muscle after scoring the vital goal in Turin which ended Juventus's challenge. Ramon Caldere, who plays in midfield, is also ruled out through the preparation.

Despite Saturday's defeat by Real Sociedad and the loss of this year's league title to arch-rivals Real Madrid, Venables is cautioosly optimistic about his team's chances of reaching the final in Seville on May 7. But be knows that Goteborg, spear-headed by their experienced forward, Nilsson, are dangerous opponents. The Swedes ousted Scottish champions, Aberdeen, in the quarter-finals and have produced their fair share of shocks against distinguished

opposition in the past.

In 1982 they woo the UEFA

Cup, becoming the only Swedish team to lift a European ish team to lift a European trophy, knocking out Valencia and Kaiserslautern on the way and beating Hamburg 4-0 on aggregate in the final. Their manager, Gunder Bengtsson, however, is not optimistic and rates his team's chances of reaching the final at about 30 per cent. "We are as well prepared as a Swedish side can be before the season has started, but Barrelona are a very good." but Barcelona are a very good team and it will be difficult for us to win," be said.

Anderlecht, who took part in

Add to these transfers Ryan becomes Schuster plans new manager

Barry Fry has resigned as manager of Maidstone United. the struggling Gola League side, and John Ryan, the club's coach, has taken over as team manager. Fry is also Maidstooe's general manager and he will continue in that position until the end of the

SC350IL Formerly the manager of Barnet, Fry joined Maidstone in December 1984. But the club have struggled this season and are fifth from bottom of the Gola League, Ryan, a former Maidstone player, was pre-viously manager of Cambridge United.

(1983).

For a ciuh which has become one of the most powerful in football. Anderlecht's beginnings were humble. Their first three European Cup appearances ended in misery. In 1956 they were crushed 10-4 by Voros Lobogo, now known as MTK Budapest. The following season they were thrashed 12-0 by Manchester United and in 1960 they lost 7-2 to Rangers.

It will be interesting to see whether their newly-appointed

ht will be interesting to see whether their newly-appointed Dutch manager, Arie Haan, dispels their "Jekyll and Hyde" image which so often sees them transformed from a delightful, attacking team in Brussels into a fear-ridden, defensive side away

Held to a 3-3 draw by Bruges at the weekend after squander-ing a2-0 lead, the Belgian league leaders should be at full strength, with the exception of their injured international goalkeeper, Munaron.

No Romanian side reached a European final, but the Belgians would do well not to underestimate Bucharest.

If Anderlecht, shaky under pressure, display any indecision in defence they could well be punished by Steam's central striker Pinirca — who is powerful with his head and was scorer of the the quarter-final winner against Finland's Kunsysi Lahti. Bucharest's own defence is built on international experi-ence which begins with goal-keeper. Ducadam, while the midfield is masterminded by Boloni, capped a record 83 times for his country.

Those who still believe in the sports book of fairtrales will be

sports book of larrylates with the hoping West Germany's Bayer Uerdingen oversome Atletico Madrid and qualify for the Cup Winners' Cup final in Lyons on May 2. Bayer made the quarter-final headlines when they over-turned a 5-1 half-time deficit in their second-leg home tie against Dynamo Dresden by scoring six goals in the space of 30 minutes after the interval. The heroics, however, have failed to intrigue the Madrid public and Atletico have taken out advertisements in the Spanish press urging their supporters

to turn up.
The winners of the Bayer-Atletico tie will probably meet Dynamo Klev in the final. The

most glamorous be of the night when Internazionale Milan meet Real Madrid in the San Siro stadium where ticket sales have hit an Italian record exceeding £750,000. The other io each of their six past semi-finals in Europe, at bome to the

fresh start

Dusseldorf (AP) - Bernd Schuster has indicated he may return to West Germany's national team after the World Cup

finals in Mexico. Franz Beckenbauer, the team manager, said: "Bernd told me he did not feel ready to live up to the high expectations we had of him after his three-month lay-off through injury. But he indicated he may be ready for a fresh start in the national team after Mexico."

● COLOGNE: Thomas Allofs the West German international, is to join his elder brother, Klaus, at Cologue.

Scots get no time in which to recover

BADMINTON

From Richard Eaton

England look like a team that might after all make a spirited defence of their European title after beginning with a 5-0 win over Scotland here yesterday. About the most anxious moment for them was when the court huckled after the third courted and much taking and contest and much taping and tidying had to be done.

This was eloquent of English efficiency. Scotland are one of several smaller nations whose badminton is improving steadily and only rarely are they beaten easily these days. This was one of them. Perhaps the champions have put all the troublesome politics behind

The most surprising of the wins was that in which Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers, they 1983 All-England finalists and still Scotland's pride and joy, went down rather tamely by 15-12 (5.9 to Nicel Tier and Andy weot down rather tamely by 15-13, 15-9 to Nigel Tier and Andy Goode. Apart from a spell when they came from 8-14 to 13-14 in the first game, the Scots never caught fire. For them it was an unusual damp squib. Six weeks ago Gilliand and Travers were worthy winners against England

in the Thomas Cup. Later Allan Campbell, the Scottish manager, said that be would be having words with the Europeao Badminton Union (EBU) after his team were recovered to an early to the said to quired to go back on court within 10 minutes of their defeat by England. Although they overcame West Germany 3-2, they saw Gilliland go down with cramp and unexpectedly lose the mixed doubles.

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"That could have cost us the match", Campbell said angrily. "The players can't recover in so was forced to eat because he felt weak and, because he are, the blood went to his stomach. Not only that — we had to pick an only that — we han to pick an altered team against England knowing we would have to play again very sooo afterwards. That, particularly against England, is something we hate to do."

As British representative of the Players' Associaton, Gilliland is likely to take up with the working party of the Inter-national Badminton Federation (IBF) the complaints of the two . Welshmen, Phil Sutton and Chris Rees, about the event's new split format, "I feel strongly about it," he

Dynamo Klev in the final. The Ukranians, who will compete in the Champions' Cup next season, thrashed Rapid Vienna, last year's runners-up, 9-2 in the last round and their seven full internationals, should have too much all-round skill for their visitors Dukla Prague.

The UEFA Cup will stage the matter of seven mich seven countries you matches, which is unfair on a number of good players. For them automatic placing in the last 32 is impossible unless they seeded." seeded."

The EBU's idea was basically sensible to create a system less wasteful in time and money. Gilliland's is that there should be more exceptions to the new system. "I think quite a few other players will feel the same say," he said.

The gap between the strong narrowing. This was illustrated by the S-0 win for England's rivals. Denmark, against the Soviet Union, in which the favourites nearly lost two of the contests. Svetlana Beliasova led 5-1 in the final game against Charlotte Hattens and, in the mixed doubles with Vladimir Shmakov, had two match points against Steen Fladberg, a former world finalist, and Gitte

The admission of badminton to the Olympics is already having an effect. As Erland Cops, the six times former All-England champion from Devmark, recently said: "The Russians are coming."

REAL TENNIS

Consistency is the key as Lovell reigns

By William Stephens Alan Lovell retained the ama-

Alan Lovel retained the amateur championship at Lord's on Monday. He beat Julian Snow, the under-24 champion, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 in one of the best finals for many years, where the premium was on fitness. Lovell, aged 32, absorbed sustained pressure from his 21-year-old opponent and still retained consistent control.

Snow grasped the initiative

in the first set and revelled in the fast pace. He leaned on the ball, applying severe cut with no margin for error and Lovell performed exciting retrievals, particularly off the tambour. Snow's resolution wavered as Lovell probed his retrieving capacity with fine sliced back-hands in the second and third

sets. Snow recovered by attack-ing the ball on the front foot, cutting the ball away to take the fourth set. Lovell seized a 4-0 lead in the finat set but Snow levelled and fed at 30-15 and 4-4. However, in the tantalizingly close finale, Lovell remained cool and

The George Wimpey world tournament of singles and dou-bles began at Learnington and Morton Morrell yesterday. The most notable professionals competing are Chris Ronaldson, the world champion. Lachlar ne word champion, Lachian Deuchar, his deputy at Hampton Courl, Colin Lumley, formerly at Holyport, Graham Hyland, the former US Open, and Jonathan Howell Bordeauxt.

Well heeled

Sue Devoy, the women's world squash champion, has signed a "lucrative" three-year contract with the shoe and leisure wear company, Hi-tec.

Lendl out for three weeks after injury

FOR THE RECORD

New York (Reuter) - The defending champion Ivan Lendl. of Czechoslovakia, will be forced to miss next week's WCT finals in Dallas because of a suspected chipped bone on his

will give it my best shot.

right kneecap.

"I think it will keep him out for a minimum of two to three weeks." said Jerry Solomon, Lendl's agent. Lendl, aged 26, is scheduled to have the knee X-

said he had aggravated the injury in beating Scon Davis of the United States in the semi-

rayed today, Solomon said. Lendl, the world's top player.

the United States in the semi-finals of the Chicago grand prix tournament on Saturday. He suffered his first loss of the year on Sunday when Boris Becker, of West Germany, beat him in the final to end a 29-match winning sequence. Before that defeat, Lendl had won tour-naments in Milan and Fort Myers. Florida.

Myers. Florida.
According to Solomon, the injury has been bothering Lendi for some time. "He knew it had been there for a long time. He can now attend to the knee and rest it." he said. Lendi is not scheduled to return to action after the Dallas tournament until the first week

BASKETBALL

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DALLAS: NCAA HOU 72, Duke 69.

● NEW YORK (UPI) - Jimmy Connors announced on Monday that he has waived his right to appeal and is accepting a 10-week suspension and \$20,000 fine imposed by the Men's International Professionasi Ten-nis Council (MIPTC) last week.

nis Council (MIPTC) last week.
Connors's suspension began
on Monday and will end on
Sunday, June 8. He will be
ineligible to participate io any
MIPTC-sanctioned or recognized event, including the
French Open championships,
which begin in Paris on June 2,
the first time a player has been
barred from one of the four
Grand Slam events. The suspension and fine stem

from Connors's refusal to com-plete his semi-final match against Ivan Lendi at the Lipton against Ivan Lendral the Lipton International Players Championships in Boca Raton, Florida, on February 21. During that match, Connors was de-faulted after delaying the fifth set of the match following a dispute with the chair unpress dispute with the chair umpire.
At that time, Connors was

HOCKEY

ERICHOVER: Inflametional youth tourna-tuent: Under-18: England 4. Speen C. England 2. West Germany 2. Begium 1. England 1: Natherlands 5. England 1: France 1. England 1. Under-18: England 2. Speen 4. England 5. West Germany 4. Natherlands 2. England 1:

Championshios in London, which begin on June 9.
Blumberg added that Connors would also play a number of special events. would also play a number of special events in the United

States, Japan and Europe during the 70-day suspension. "While this incident never should have happened, I must should have happened, I must live with the results of my actions." Comors said in announcing his decision. "Although I believe the chair umpire had allowed the match to get out of hand through improper and inconsistent application of the rules. I have decided, after consulting with my attorneys, not to appeal the suspension in order to avoid any possibility of missing Wimbledon or the U.S. Open."

"Because of other reasons, I had scriously been considering not playing the French Open this year anyway, Connors added Blumherg said Connors

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: RAC Townsuck-Thorsean British Formula Ford 1800 championasis; 1:5 100cm (van Deame AFSS) 18mm 18.5sec (84.3)moht; 2. V Day (Mondate MSSS; 3, J. Village (Van Demen RFSS), Fastest jag: Booth, 175.4 (87.18).

ORIENTEERING

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of May, when he defends his title at the Tournament of Champions in Forest Hill, New match."

also fined \$5,000 by the MIPTC would have appealed the sanctions if they had been handed down at a different time of the ir "failure to compete a more in may not over managed down at a different time of the livan Blumberg. Connors's year, "but it's simply not worth the risk of missing the two most elurn to the Grand Prix circuit important events of the year,

(UPI) - John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova have agreed to compete in the Butch Walts and Friends tennis exhibition later this mooth. Walts announced on Monday that the two stars would play in his fourth annual benefit for cancer research on April 26 and 27.

McEnroe will play in the charity event despite the fact he is taking a break from the Grand Prix circuit, Walts said. He said there was no problem with the ATP, the men's player union, because the Scottsdale event is a

McEnroe is to play Tim Mayotte, ranked ninth in the world. on April 26, and Navratilova, ranked No.1 in the world, will play Stephanie Rebe on April 27.

TENNIS CCLOGNE: Cologne grand pris tournament: S Perkiss (b) bt B Dyte (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; U Ripherskii (WG) bit Nerts (Braz) 7-6, 7-6. ATLANTA: WCT grand pris tournament: First round (US unless stated) -J Senth bt L Swissisi 1-8, 7-5, 5-4; O Pere bt M Devis 6-4, 7-6; M Leach bt T Warnebs 7-6, 6-1; O Michissas (Carl) bt M Bauer 7-8, 7-6; B Treather bt A Volkot 7-6, 7-6; E Teischer bt J Krisk 4-5, 6-3, 5-3; M Purces bt P Ferrang 4-6, 6-4, 7-6.

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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 1986 Today's television and radio programmes Edited by Jane Henderson and Peter Davalle

TV-AM 6.00 Ceefax
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank
Equiph and Selina Scott:
Weather at 6.65, 7.25,
7.55, 8.25 and 8.55;
regional news and traffic
at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and
8.27; national and
international news at 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and
9.00, The new Top Twenty
at 7.32 and Beverty At's
fashion hints: Financial
advice from Alison Mitchell
(phone 01 811 1066) 6.15 Good Marning Britain, presented by Henry Kally-and Anneta Rice. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, Westher at 6.28, 8.58, 7.28, 7.38, 8.26, 8.18, Sport at 6.35 and 7.94, Cartoon at 7.24, Video report by Gles Brandreth

(phone 01 811 1066) Roland Rat's Easter morning with 9.20 Lassie morning with 9.20 Lassie - the worlderdog persuates a runaway child to go home. 9.45 Why den't you... turn off the telly and do something constructive? 10.15 ... inckanory Handles told by Brian Cant. 10.30 ... Playerhool with Seren

10.50 Gharbar presented by Parveen Mirze, Surinder Kochar, Shaheen Naweb and Ghazaka Amin with singer Shahnaz Rahmatuliah in an alitemals programme hosted by Saria Maheshwari. 11.15 Ceetax

12.30 News with Richard Whitmore and Sue Carpenter, 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 Pebble Milt at One with Magnus Magnusson, Paul Coia and Josephine Buchan on royal metters in the year of the Queen's sixtieth birthday, in the studios journalist Don Coolican and Royal photographer Serge Lemoine, Christopher Cross sings his theme song from the film Arthur, 1.45 Bagpuse (r). 2.00 Caefax. 3.52 Regional

3.55 Up Qur Street Simon and the Witch (r) 4.10 Heathcliff the Cat (r) 4.15 Jackanory Thora Hird tells the story of Mrs Pepperpot. 4.25 Charlie Brown - Easter Beagle (r) 4.55 John Craven's Newsround

Newsround 5.00 The December Rose
Fourth episode of Leon
Garfield's thriller serial,
What is significant about
Colonel Brodsky's watch?
8.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time
starring Bugs Bunny and
Porky Pig.
6.00 News with Nicholas.
Witchelf and Frances

Witchell and Frances
Covertiele, Weather.
6.35 Regional magazines
7.00 A Song for Europe Terry
Wogan hosts the British
finals in the thirtieth year
of the Europe Song finals in the thirtieth year of the Eurovision Song Contest, Eight hopeful contestants line up before

11 juries around the country. (Simultaneous broadcast on Radio 2) 8.00 Dallas Miss Elle is not pleased when Sue-Ellen's mother (Martha Scott) arrives to interfere.

8.45 Points of View Barry Took foams at the mouth over: 9.00 News with John Humphrys

9.30 Q.E.D. Mind over matter volunteers from the public psychological experiment: they walked over 5 metres of coals burning at 400

degrees C, to see if they could conquer their own fear. Hugh Bremiley. mertial artist and firewalker claims anyone can do it. Many of the participants had a professional interest; they psychiatrists. (Geefax)
10.10 Sportsnight Steve Rider introduces soccer from

ahead to the FA Cup semi-finals on Saturday. Richard Pitman previews the Grand National runners and talks to trainer Josh Gifford. Also preparations for the Fourth Test in Trinidad. 11.40 Weather

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report by Glies Brandreth at 8.35, 9.00 Wacaday presented by Timmy Mailet with magician Fay

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9.25 Thames News headines followed by Once Upon a Times ... Man Neanderthelman in cartoon series (r). man in carbon series (†)
9.55 Jepanese
Handjoraths, 10, 10 The
Concert Stages of Euro
mother struggles to put
her son on the concert
platform, 10.35 The All
Electric Amusement 9.00 Coetax
12.30 Open University: Start up
your own Business Advice
on researching the market
and developing a sales
strategy. 12.55 Resource
University
millions. 1.20 Marketing in
Action Can the National
Trust do anything to save
more coastine?
1.45 Windamit Chris Serie
delves further into the
archives of the BBC; today e Bella bas shown a profit with her gig in the arcade, makes a deal and becomes manager of the group (r). 11.00 BMX Beat Alestair Phris and Andy Ruffel introduce the BMX riders.11.25 Carteon Time 11.30 About Britains Against the Odds. Suzanne Montromy is an artist

Odds. Suzanne
Montgomery is an artist
giving greative
encouragement and
peinting advice to
psychiatric patients in a
hospital may Newcastle.
Mosetops cartoon about
a dinesaur (f), 12.10 Our
Backyard The Telephone:
Granny rings up to talk to
Laura (f). 12.00

Laura (r). 12.30 Talking Personally New series of six interviews faunched by Anna Raeburn talking to Michael Aspel.

1,08 Nows at One. 1.20 The Thames News. 1.30 The Champions underwater drams with assassination attenuates. itternet (r)._ 2.30 On the Market The food

On the Market The tood programme from Susen Brookes and Travier Hyelt with market reports and guest cook Careline Waldegrave, 3.00 Germs Winging of hands in the Covent Garden workshope of a fashion house where collection has met with little public enthusiasm, but there's s big deal afoot, 3.25 Thames news headlines, 3.30 Sons and Designters Australian family scap; Wayne has discovered Andy's father's

4.00 Moschops the dinosaur cartoon: 4:10 Ja cat discovers a lonely bee 4.20 The Wall Game Weatherman Jim Bacon joins the children from William Austin Junior.
School; last of the series. 4.45 The Ark (r) (Oracle) 5.15 Connections Words, pictures and numbers game with Sue Robbje.

5.45 News, 8.00 Thames News, 6.25 Helpt community action on Local Government
6.35 Crossroade Paniel dayes
into the past and Nicola recalls an anniversary thought for the husband or wife who has had to keep

the big secret. 7:30 Coronation Street Sugar Barlow celebrates her twentyfirst (Oracle). 8.00 Minder: Broken Arrow 'If.

8.00 Minder: Broken Arrow "if Bob Hope can do it for golf; I can do it for darts' thicks Aithur (George Cole) with his eye on the laciquot (f) (Oracle).

9.00 Viewpoint 88: The Four Horsemen First of two documentaries by David Murro on the human toll and economic disaster of war; despite 40 years of world peace more than a hundred other wars have broken out; many hungred direr wars nave broken out; many thousands still die in war. 10.00 News at Ten followed by Thames news headines. 10.30 Film: 48 Hours (1982). Nick Nolte plays a white officer opposite Eddle

Murphy as a black convict in marriunt. 12.15 Night Thoughts.

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their homes, sometimes aware of his camera and at other times homes, sometimes aware of his camera and at other times mot. Just as acutely, Goldblatt captures what he calls the

BBC 2

delves further into the archives of the BBC; today his theme is movement.

2.45 Pilm: Test Pilot (1938)* the second Clark Gable movie this week, again with Spencer Tracy; here our hero loves his aeroplane and the girl he meets in a wheatileid, as the result of a forced landing, in equal measures.

A.48 The Paper Chase light
American drama about a
group of law students.
Hart is depressed by
reactions to his paper, but
leading forward to seeing

reactions to his paper, but looking forward to seeing Kathy, when Kingsfield arrives unexpectedly.

5.30 News with subtities.

Weather

5.35 Bridge Club Jeremy Flint and Jeremy James teach the rudiments and improve

6.00 Film:The Locket (1946)*

a stranger at a society wedding. 7.20 Sive Tits and Bumble-lees David Bellamy

introduces the programme that shows you how to make a wildlife garden to attract kestrals and other unusual visitors (f) \$.05 T, Dan Smith, convicted for corruption in 1974, is

now 70. He used to be known as 'Newcastle's

Dictator'. Today he talks for the first time about the

events in the Newcastle area at the time of the

Poulson affair, attempting to justify what he did and expain why. His evidence

is supported and challenged by Paul Foot Lord Harris of Greenwich,

moratorium on relations

with the opposite sex until the unfortunate Edwina

has found contentment. A straw politamongst the fikely males elects Hawkeye to make Edwina

happy and release the rest of the ladies from their vow of abstinence (*).

2.25 That Lincartain Feeling final part of the adaptation of Kingsley Amis's novel;

John Lawis (Denis

John Lewis (Denis Lawson) ascaped from the first night party dressed as a Welsh woman, but still feels guilty about his extramarital attraction to Liz, played by Shella Gish. (Ceefax)

10.25 Newsnight with John Tusa, Peter Snow, Donald MacComick and Olivia O'll serv. Also lan Smith

O'Leary. Also lan Smith and Jenni Murray with a

9.90 M'A'S'H' Lt Cutter decides there must be a

Bigarry as the result of a childhood trauma is the theme of another Robert

starring Laraine Day and Brian Aherne. Flashbacks

reveal the background to the crucial intervention of

CHAVID GOLDBLATT IN BLACK AND WHITE (Channel 4. 8.00pm)is cleverly titled because it is about this remarkable photographer's monochrome perception of a South Africa that is riven by conflict between men with different colour skins. His political and moral judgments tend to be in black and white. too, although he expresses them with the quest strength of an intelligent humanitarian. Perhaps more than any newsreel footage or reporter's despatches, Goldblatt's photographs encapsulate the despair of South Africa's blacks at specific moments in their daily lives, in and out of

CHANNEL 4

movie, starring Bing Crosby and Bob Hope as

common shipwrecked in North Africa. Crosby selfs Hope into slavery to pay for their dinner. There is

nor their dament, here is much parody of Arabian Nights; Anthony Quinn plays a wicked shelith and Dorothy Lamour is Princess Shelmar. 4.00 A Plus 4 Mavis Nicholson

talks to 3 women at the top of their fields as

2.30 Film: Road to Morocco (1942)" A classic "road"

physical confidence of the whites physical controllings of the whites and the threat of danger in their presence, though perhaps he reads too much into the tace of the security police officer briefly glimpsed in the back seat of his car as it passes a line COREAMS, SECRETS, BEAUTIFUL LIES, a deeply

CHOICE

troubled play by Robert Ferguson (Radio 3, 7.30pm)is an anatomy of deception, the disorientating effects of which are shown to be equally devastating whether practised on ourselves or others. Ferqueon's drama about three townes -wife, second husband, and young daughter-looking for a country

cottage, mystically transforms the basic plot by finding parallels with the 11 days "lost" when the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian At the more mundane

level, the play alerts grown-ups to the danger of being too grown-up within earshot of the children, Adolescence and its problems, only tangentially the theme of Robert Ferguson's

radio play, is the be and end all of Truffsut's masterly film THE 400 BLOWS (Char 10.00pm), the first in a short season of movies made by this sorely-missed director. Even if you did not know that The 400 ws was autobiographical, I suspect you would have guessed as much by the depth of feeling it expresses.

Peter Davalle

humming Kaleidoscope.Includes

comment on The Fisher

recordings of works by Vivaldi and Beethoven 10.15 A Book at Bedtime; A Partect Spy written and read by John le Carre (13) 10.29 Westher

Tonight

11.30 Soundings. Bernard
Jackson asks
theologians and scientists if
they believe we are living
in the shadow of the

apocalypse 12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping VHF (available in England and

S. Wales only) as above except. 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 9.05-10.00 Cat's Whiskers with

plays, songs and quizzes for children (s) 1,55-2.00pm For

schools: Listening Corner (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

18.30 The World Tonight 11.15 The Financial World

King, by Anthony Powell; if Candelalo at The Pit and Alan Blythe on new

visits Menkton House which contains o unique collection of surrealistic decor 5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 5.00 News
6.30 Film Star. Alexander
Walker on Jack Lemmon
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
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7.20 Fireside Talkes. Stories about the Fens. Phal Smith visits a pub in Norwich.
7.45 Brainwaves. Margaret Percy presents the education magazine.

10.00

international business consultant, deputy general secretary of TASS and Chapiain of Clare College.

4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley chairs the third round in the Championship of Champions of words and Mark Bourns, Header:
Robert Rietty
10:45 Daily Service (new Every
Morning, page 118(s)
11:00 News; Travel; The Rise
and Fall of County Hail.
Christabel King finds out
about the traditions that
will be lost row that the G numbers 5.00 Alice: Vera, the Torch American sit-com in the down-town diner. Vera is

in trouble for having pets in her apartment, then feels severe guilt for her revenge fantasies. 5.30 Tchou Tchou Dutch

bricks.
6,00 The Christians: The
Godless State? Samber
Gascoigne's final cascoignes a little programme in this documentary series examines the Christian Church in Italy, in the Soviet Union, where the Russian Orthodox Church still flourishes in spite of banning and in Poland where congregations are larger than in establishment Christian

Britain (f).
Channel 4 News. 7.50
Comment Today's political comment (s by Sir Russell Johnston, leader of the 7.00 Scottish Liberal Party. Weather 8.00 David Goldblatt: In Black and White Goldblatt has

photographed South Africans for 30 years, "touching a nerve of sensibility and influencing our perception of ourselves and our world" in the words of writer Nadine Gordimer. (An exhibition of his photographs is at the Photographers Gallery in London.) Janet Suzman

which Goldblatt speaks of his feelings. (see Choice) 9,00 Prospects Freddie plans to turn the Isls of Dogs into a replice of Venice; meanwhile he is using the land as a car park, where Mick will wash cars. Mona Mick will wash cars. Mone types envelopes on the mailing list of a pomo mag 10.00 Films: Double Bill of Truffaut films; Les Quetre Cent Coups (1959)* Truffaut's almost

autobiographical account of Parisian childhood. This film launched Jean-Pierre Leaud as Antoine Doine (the character he played in several later films) growing up misunderstood in a rough area of Paris (see Choice).

11.50 Les Mistons (1957)* The second Truffaut film is a short about five schoolboys, mischief making one adolescent 12.10 Closedow

Radio 4

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8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for
the Day
43 Star Smashers of the
Galaxy Rangers, Read
by Kerry Shale (3)(s) 6.57
Weather: Travel
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News Midweek, Midweek from New York. With Libby Calculators in the Classroom. 8.15 Tales from Paradise. June Knox-Mawer with stories of the British who went to the South Pacific

Purves
News: Gardeners'
Question Time.
Listeners' questions
Morning Story: A
Question of Judgment by
Mark Bourne, Reader:
Packet State. as administrators (2) Flying the Flag (s)
9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre. Stave and Eddie by Johnnie Guarrell, with Jake Wood and Jack McNichold (s)(r)
9.30 Adventure. This week:

will be lost now that the GLC Enquire Within, Neil Landor and spec 12.00

Larroor and specialists
answer listeners' queries
News; Prophets,
Charlatans and Little
Gurus. Ray Gosling on
Homer Lane, psychotherapist. 12.27 Lord of Misrule, The bettle for the lordship of s Welsh valley in the mid-18th century (8) 12.55 Weather, Travel 1.00 The World At One: News 1.40 The Archers, 1.55

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 2,00 News; woman's rour, includes an interview with the comedian Ben Elton 3.80 News; The Afternoon Play IOU, by John William Cowell. With Christian Redska and Barbara Peirson (s) 3.47 Time for Verse, Kevin Time for verse, Rever Crossley-Holland present more poems inspired by pictures in the Tate Gallery (7) The Art of Sealon

of Seeing
4.00 News
4.05 My Life Till Now, Mary
Sweeny, talks to David
Wade about what life was
like in Liverpool in the early 30s (r).
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: A
Dream in Three
Dimensions, Richard Cork

Radio 3 All programmes on medium wave. 6.55 Weather, 7,00 News 7.05 Morning Concert Dvorak (Scherzo capriccioso), Bliss (Kenthworth ballet suite), C P E Bach (Harpsichord

Concerto in D minor, Wq23: Leonhardt, soloist), Delius (Dance Rhapsody), 8,00 News 8.65 Concert (contd): Lalo (La Congert (commit: Lab (LB Roi d'Ys overture), Sibelius (Serenade In D. Op 59 No 1: with Belkin, violin), Holst (Fugal Concerto, with

Bernett, Rute and Graeme, oboe), Verdi (String Quarter), 9.00 News 9.05 This Week's Composer: Mozart, German Dances, K 509; and Divertimento in B Ilat, K 287 (Vienna Mozart Ensemble) 10.00 Robert Mayer Concert:

City of London Sinfonietta; Janet Hilton (clarinet), Fella (Three-cornered hat), Weber (last movement of Clarinet Concerto No 2), Warlock (Pavane), Lutoslawski (Dance Preludes), Faure (Pavane), Mendelssohn (third movement, Italian

(thro movement, ration symphony)
Academia Wind Quintet of Prague: Dusek (Partita In F), Rescha (Wind Quintet in F), Krejci (Wind Quintet)
Ayres for the Theatre: played by the Parley of Instruments, Works by 'William Corbert and Purcell 11,10

Purceil
12.25 Tchaikovsky: Peter
Donohoe (piano). Sonata
No 2, Op 37, 1,00 News
1.05 Count Basia: 1954 recordings
1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster
Orchestra (under Colmar
Pearce), with Michael
McGutfin (piano).Busoni

Lustspiel overtura), Bax (Lustapel overtura), Bax (Oliver Twist suite extracts), Elgar (Contrasts: Gavotte), Ireland (The Towing Path), Delius (Summer Evening), Howells (Watton's Toye and Raiph's Pavane), Shostakovich (Hamlet, Op 22)

Gifford (guitar). Sonatas ar
three duets
3.05 Netherlands Wind
Ensemble: Mozart
(Divertimento in B flat, K
240), Strauss (Symphony
No 2/for wind instruments)
4.00 Choral Evensong:from St
Mary-at-Hill Church,
London-Wift the Wren
Singers. 4.55 News
5.00 Midweek Choice:
Burnerworth (Shropshire Butterworth (Shropshire Lad rhapsody), Handel (Suita No 5: Landowska,

harpsichord), Janacek (String Quartet No 1), Rachmannov (Piano Concerto No 3: with Bolet, piano), Arne (Shakespeare settings), Sterndale Bennett (Symphony in G minor)
7.00 Debut: Angela
Hewitt(plano). Brahms
(Variations on theme by
Schumann, Op 9);
Scherzo in E flat minor, Op 4
7.30 Dreams Secrets.

7.30 Dreams, Secrets, Beautiful Lies: play by Robert Ferguson. With Diana Quick, Charles Kay, Emma Glasner

8,45 Denish Fantasies;Stephen Bennett(clarinet), Joyce Riddell(plano), Gade (Fantasy Pieces, Op 43), Winding (Fantasy Pieces, Op 19

9.15 Music of Eight Decades: London Sinfonietta, with Pauk (violin).Part 1. Abrahamsen(Marchen-bilder), Lutoslawski (Chain 2: composer conducta)
9.45 Six Continents: Foreign
radio broadcasts,
monitored by the BBC
10.05 Concentipart two): Brian
Femeyhough (Carcert
d'Invenzione I), Schoenberg
(Chamber Symphony Mo Chamber Symphony No

11.00 Manchester Chamber Music: BBC Philhermonic (under Klee), with Kwella (soprano). Bach (Cantata No 202), and Suite No 4 in D major, BWV 1059 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

Radio 2

On medium wave. For VHF, see Radio 1.
News on the hour (except 7.00pm, 9.00). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports
Desks at 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55.
4.00am Colin Berry (s) 8.00 Ray
Moore (s) 8.05 Ken Bruce (s) 10.30
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SPORT

England need reminder

Within a day or two of the England manager, Tony Brown, saying that for the rest of the tour all practices would be compulsory, yesterday's was again made optional. Of the 17 players seven attended. Those who sunbathed or hopped across to Tobago or lay in wait for the scarlet this have it on their minds. I am sure, that Monday's defeat in the last of the one-day internationals was England's fifth in succession, an unprecented sequence over all the years.

How this arose about yesterday's practice was that after Monday's match Gower asked whether anyone would like to join him for a knock yesterday morning. In the event, Ellison, Gatting, Slack, Smith. Thomas and Willey did so. Had Brown felt strongly enough that there should be no scrimshankers he could, in theory, have told everyone to turn up; he has the authority to intervene in cricketing matters as a last resort though that is a right which a manager very rarely exercises.

Last Friday, when Gower made England's first practice optional after the loss, three days earlier, of the third Test in Barbados. Brown thought it was a wrong decision, for psychological as well as cricketing reasons. We mostly did. Yesterday I felt the same. hut the manager, having taken everything into account, did not In his view this was not an optional practice, the day having originally been left free, but a voluntary one. If the difference is semantic, it was the explanation given.

Though it may seem from this as though he is, Brown is not in fact a vacillating type. He bore in mind yesterday not that England have had only one full day's cricket in the last nine, hut that there is a fullscale practice today and for the players who matter most a busy time lies ahead with a possible 10 day's Test cricket in the next 14. Like Gower, he thought no good would come of a hard workout yesterday. I

would still have been free for the scarlet ibis and quite enough time by the pool.

Concerning this question of priorities, the touring contracts of the two managers could well define more sharply where their respective authority begins and ends. Willis's, although he is the coach, allows him no say, so he believes, in who should go to practice and who should not.
"It's entirely up to the captain
to decide who does what, and when they do it; he's in sole charge of the cricket," says Willis, Ideally, of course, all three would work in close conjunction, but hecause Brown and Willis are not as compatible as they might be compatible as they might be, that has not always happened

England are playing so poorly at the moment that they could just have arrived in West Indies, Instead, only the last two Tests remain. There was nothing to be frightened of on Monday, the pitch being slow and the West Indian bowlers pitching the hall well up. The batsmen, it is true, have very little confidence left, because of what they have been through, but the side should still be making much more of themselves than they

It was disappointing to score only 165 for nine in 48 overs, but in the conditions it was not contemptible. West Indies bowled and fielded very well, and it was an awkward pitch on which to force the pace, certainly for the ordinary mortal. Gooch could have done it, but he was soon out. Lamh, a hustler, spent 13 overs making 16. Robinson. who played the longest innings, found it slow going. What has not improved at all on the tour, and it showed, is England's running between the wickets. They seem quite unaware of what they are missing, though they have had two months in which to learn from the West Indians.

Simply by taking a fast first run to third man on Monday, Emhurey under sufficient pressure to force a slight misfield and so open the way for a safe second. England would have been much less likely to bother. Few, unfortunately, see the short single and Lamb, who does, looks in vain for partners to respond to him, unless he is batting with

Except that Botham is a bad clown and Lamb is not a Wardle or a Barrington, there was no harm in their larking about on the boundary. England had played misguidedly at times and badly at others. They do, I think, lack disci-pline; but no one with much knowledge of cricket would have seen Botham's acceptance of a tot of rum from someone in the crowd as the reason for England's defeat. Hendren used to do the same, though he, I fancy, would have practised yesterday, had he ever found himself as a mem-ber of an England side in this one's present plight. They ought all to have practised

Scoreboard

whether ordered to or not.

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Total (for 2 wids, 38.2 overs) . H A Gomee, †FJ Dujon, R A Harper, M C Marshell, M A Holding, J Gerner and C A Walsh did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-75.



Never mind the width of the rink, feel the quality of the skating: Susan Jackson full of joy unconfined at Richmond

FOOTBALL: CHAMPIONSHIP ASPIRATIONS FADE FOR MANCHESTER UNITED

First division race cut to three runners

The field of potential English champions has been a lengthy and demanding ended, and so, effectively, had reduced to three. Liverpool.

Everton and West Ham United the other challenged who will strengthen their to the other challenged with the other c claim if they win their third fixture in five days tonight at Nottingham Forest, are the only clubs that can realistically expect to collect the most significant prize of the season.

Chelsea, who dropped out of the race dramatically over Easter, and Arsenal, who withdrew more gently, could scarcely have been considered ers to pull up over the weekend, were once several laps ahead and odds on to win.

The turning point took place on November 9 at 12 minutes past three. It was then, against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough, that Bryan Robson sustained a leg injury. Later that afternoon United's opening sequence of 15 first division genuine contenders over such games without defeat had

'unique"

Robson's contribution has been undeniable. Under his leadership, United lost only home in a meaningless Screen

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Cup and succumbed to relatively mediocre opposition in the Canon League such as Leicester City and Queens Park Rangers. Crucially, over the last formight, they have

He added that his namesake been limited by injuries to only 23 of their 48 games. He was unable to complete three of those.

four matches. Those defeats were at Hillsborough, at West Ham, when he also limped off with an ankle injury, at Southampton, which happened to be his first game back, and at

lifeline

stating that a new owner had

come forward and that the club's fixtures for the season

would be completed.
Fulham folded three weeks

ago when the owner. Roy Close, declared that losses

amounting to thousands of pounds each week could no longer be borne.

Marco Island, Florida (Reu-

ter) - Marcella Mesker. of The

Netherlands. overcame Annabel Croft, of Britain, 6-0.

7-6 in the first round of the Tournament of Champions

here yesterday, gaining re-venge for a resounding defeat at the hands of the Briton the

Ferla. Sicily (AP) -Francesco Cesarini, of Italy,

won the Pantalica trophy road

previous time they met.

First victory

The avenger

liquidation.

Without him, United went out to Liverpool in the Milk Cup, to West Ham in the FA

dropped nine points and lie five behind their Merseyside Although Robson returned, and scored, at Birmingham City on Saturday, he has come back too late to lift them into contention. Typically, he re-mains defiant. "We were poor at Birmingham," he says. "We

should have pushed them more but the level of our performance against Everton gives us reason for hope." "It was obviously disappointing not to get a goal against them but we did enough to edge it. We have to remember to play like that every time we go out and not less powerful than usual. Robson maintains that his shoulder is "100 per cent

better than it was at the corresponding stage when I last dislocated it". He will continue to protect it in a harness until the end of the season but the damage, as far as United are concerned. would seem already to have been done. Their current strike force

embraces one forward, Davenport, who has yet to settle in and another, Hughes, who is on his way out. Before it was known that he had signed for Barcelona, Hughes was listless. Now he performs for the audience as though he were already on show in the Nou

Ron Atkinson, United's manager, predictably also be-lieves that "the championship is far from over". But his attack is disjointed, one of his central defenders. Higgins, has a broken hand and his leading inspiration is playing with limh that has twice been displaced. Only those within the club would claim that their challenge is not tottering, i not already collapsed.

MOTOR RALLYING

Toyota finding it tough at the top

problems, fast-closing rivals and the rigours of a 12-hour, non-stop drive to hold on to the first three places going into yesterday's final stages of the Safari Rally.

Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden, managed to maintain his overnight lead, pulling his Celica TC into the Eldoret rest-stop at noon, having amassed 248 penalty points. Lars-Eric Torph, his compatriot and team-mate, was second on 276 and West German Erwin Weber, of West Germany, third on 311.

The defending champion Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, took advantage of the me-chanical problems suffered by the Toyotas to reduce what had been a commanding lead by the Japanese cars. He was fourth in his Pengeot 205 on 316, while the Finnish driver Markku Alen, in a Lancia, was

fifth with 328. The tough, 1,022-mile cir-

Nairobi (AP) - The Toyota cuit through western Kenya team fought off mechanical brought about the retirements of six of the 25 drivers who began the gruelling, third and

final leg in Nairobi.

Waldegaard was one driver to suffer when a broken right rear hub cost him more than 30 minutes. Weber lost second place when his rear axle broke and penalty points piled up as be waited for mechanics aboard a helicopter to bring a

STANDINGS: 1, B Waldegaard (Swe, Toyota Celica TC), 248 penshies; 2, L-E Torph (Swe, Toyota Celica TC), 276; 3, E Weber (WG, Toyota Celica), 311; 4, J Kankdunen (Fin, Peugeot 205), 316; 5-M Alen (Fin, Lancia), 328; 6, M Kindand (Kenya, Subaru), 388; 7, F Tundo (Kenya, Subaru), 426; 8, S Mehta (Kenya, Peugeot 205), 427; 9, J Hellier (Kenya, Lancia), 448; 10, G Critloos (Kenya, Lancia), 453.

Spectator killed

The Kenya Safari was marred yesterday by an accident in which a spectator was killed when a Volkswagen Golf, driven by Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, ploughed off the road with a broken steering rod.

First Welsh winner

David Llewellin, a 25-yearold farmer, was the first Welsh
driver to win Ireland's top rally,
the Rothmans Circuit of Ireland, when he came to the
Belfast finish of the five-day
event just under nine minutes
ahead of Russell Brookes, from
the Midlands, yesterday.

Lewellin was driving the MG Metro 6R4, Austin Rover's rallying super car, and broke a seven-year domination of the Easter classic by Vauxhall-Opel. However, it is even longer since the British company claimed a circuit victory — Paddy Hopkirk took the last of his five wins in a Mini Cooper 'S' in 1967.

The group, a production car category, was led from start to finish by Pentii Arrikkola, for-

mer circuit winner, in his Vauxhall Astra GTE. The Finn finished the 1,500 mile event in a creditable fifth place, bearing some much faster machines.

This win elevates Liewellin into the lead of the Shell Oils RAC Open Rally Championship, as well as giving him and the MG Metro 6R4 their first international rally victory. international rally victory,

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TENNIS

Tax relief considered

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Wimbledon may consider ciation of Tennis Profession paying players' hotel hills after als, said yesterday: "This this year's championships. Any payment (a flat rate of £65 a day has been touted on behalf of the players) would offset the fact that from next year prize money will be taxable at source.

Such a system already applies to the French championexecutive director of the Asso-

als, said yesterday: "This is nothing more than a thought at this stage. But there has been discussion of some pro-vision to help players with the cost of a two-week tournament in a big city.

"Some players are not mak-ing a great deal of money on the circuit and during as two-week period, a lot of them will not be able to make their

Britain cramps world's style

Caution was a priority for the world's skating champi-ons, including Debi Thomas, Brian Boitano and all the top Russians, when they took the ice at last night's Richmond gain and displayed the prowess that won them titles and medals at Geneva last week.

Unlike most ice rinks abroad, that at Richt not the standard 60 metres by 30 metres (approximately 196ft 8in by 98ft 4in) but is 200ft by 81ft. Take-offs for jamps need to be shortened programmes adjusted and dance steps omitted here and there to avoid impact with the is barriers. The 17-foot difference in width is perilous.

Richmond, for decades the tome of British skating, can be forgiven its shape. Rullt long before the switch to when most of the world ap-peared red in school atlases, its pecularities can be tolerated. Indeed, its quainmess can be a relief.

however, is that all other ice rinks in Britain, including those recently built and under construction, are not of the size expected by international

That at Slongh, opening shortly, is 56 metres by 26 metres. So, too, will be the rinks nearing completion at Chelmsford and Cardiff. Proposed rinks at Greenwich, Basingstoke and Norwich will

Not one of the rinks opened over the last three or four years — namely at Lee Valley, London, Oxford, Gillingham, Swindon, Telford and Peterborough - could provide the ice dimensions on which interational championships could be held. They would even be nnsuitable as training rinks for a world championship.

The size is critical. It is like 3. taking a foot off each side of a tennis court, two yards off a racing pool or shrinking a snooker table by three inches all round. Slough Council opted for their 56 metres by 26 metres rink because of costs. Apparently it meant a difference between £3.5 mil-lies for the smaller size and £5 million for the fuller size.

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according to Jimmy Young, who will be its director. Young, a trainer of the former British ice-dance champions, Karen Barber and Nicky Slater, hopes to turn Slough into a national ice-dance centre but knows only too well that top couples must days before Geneva he had to move from Richmond to Oberstdorf in West Germany with the Japanese champions whom he is coaching. No British rink was up to the

Bernard Ford, a former

mark.

world ice-dance champion and Canada's national coach, said: "A full-size rink would cost £5 million. So what? Slough is virtually pouring £3.5 million down the drain." When I asked Alex McGowan, trainer of Debi Thomas, the world figureskating champion, why so many British coaches like himself worked abroad, he replied: "Whenever I asked other trainers that question here in Geneva they invariably came up with the same answer: 'lack of a 60 by 30-metre rink'."

Economy size for Britons

John Scott, the skating liaison officer of the Sports Council, who provides pro-spective developers with an "ice pack" of information, explained: "Once you go over 56 metres by 26 metres it involves a different structure. There is a geometric progression which shoots up the price."

Unfortunately the sport's governing bodies still recognize a range of sizes for international competitions (though not championships)

— namely 56 to 60 by 26 to 30 matters for flower shaden and metres for figure skating and up to a 61-metre length for ice bockey. "Given the option, economy-conscious councils, who mainly wish to provide social facilities, choose the smaller size," Scott said.

Is there any hope of Britain eventually acquiring the 60 by 30-metre rink, the like of which can be found dotted across Europe from Finland to Spain? A big ice arena, including a full-size 60 by 30-metre rink, is awaiting the approval of Merseyside Develousent Corporation: and relepment Corporation; and the redevelopment of Alexan-dra Palsee in London, though still at the "feasibility study" It is to be hoped that the National Skating Association will use all their powers of

persuasion to provide British type of risk they desperately

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should not be held responsible for the success or failure of a team, particularly one full of established internationals

from six different nations, Rohson is considered an essential and irreplaceable leader of his country and his club. Bohhy Robson, England's manager, described him as

is a more complete player than the gifted Platini, of Juventus and France who was twice voted the European Football-er of the Year. But Robson's appearances for United have

> just against the League champions." Yet his own display in the 0-0 draw was



Larkins: injury cycling race bere for his first

Larkins doubt

the season because of a foot-ball injury. Larkins, who was playing for the United Coun-ties League side, Buckingham, damaged his right ankle in a clash with the opposition's goalkeeper. Larkins has his benefit this season.

Clean sweep

Toronto (UPI) - Sweden and Scotland remained the only undefeated teams after the opening day of competi-tion at the Silver Broom world curling championships here.

chance of reinstatement, ac cording to the former Austra-lian long-distance runner, Ron Clarke, "Random drug testing is useless unless the person found guilty is disqualified for life." Clarke said. He retired

Northamptonshire's former England batsman, Wayne Larkins, may miss the start of

after the 1970 Commonwealth Games. "There should be no second chance." Backing boost

Top junior

Florence, Italy (AP) -Javier

Sanchez, of Spain, won an international junior tennis event here after beating Eugenio Rossi, of Italy, 6-4, 6-

0 in the final, Bentina Fulco, of Argentina, beat Martina Ghezzi, of Italy, 6-2, 6-1 in the women's final.

Drug-net call

Athletes caught taking drugs should be banned from com-

petition for life without any

Sealink British Ferries are to continue their sponsorship of cycling by backing the 1986 women's and junior road race series. The first event in the women's series is the Central District two-day race at Tilton, near Leicester, on April 19-20. The six-race junior series starts with the Peak ships, for the same reason. Forest race at Buxton on April Ronald Bookman, the deputy

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